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ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME.



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HOME SAVINGS

Northeast Division

OHIO
Columbiana
Austintown
Boardman
Canfield
East Liverpool
East Palestine
Niles
Warren
Lisbon
Poland
Salem
Struthers
Youngstown

PENNSYLVANIA
Beaver

Northwest Division

OHIO
Ashland
Bellevue
Clyde
Findlay
Fremont
Lexington
Norwalk
Sandusky
Tiffin
Willard

Northcentral Division

OHIO
Beachwood
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Columbus
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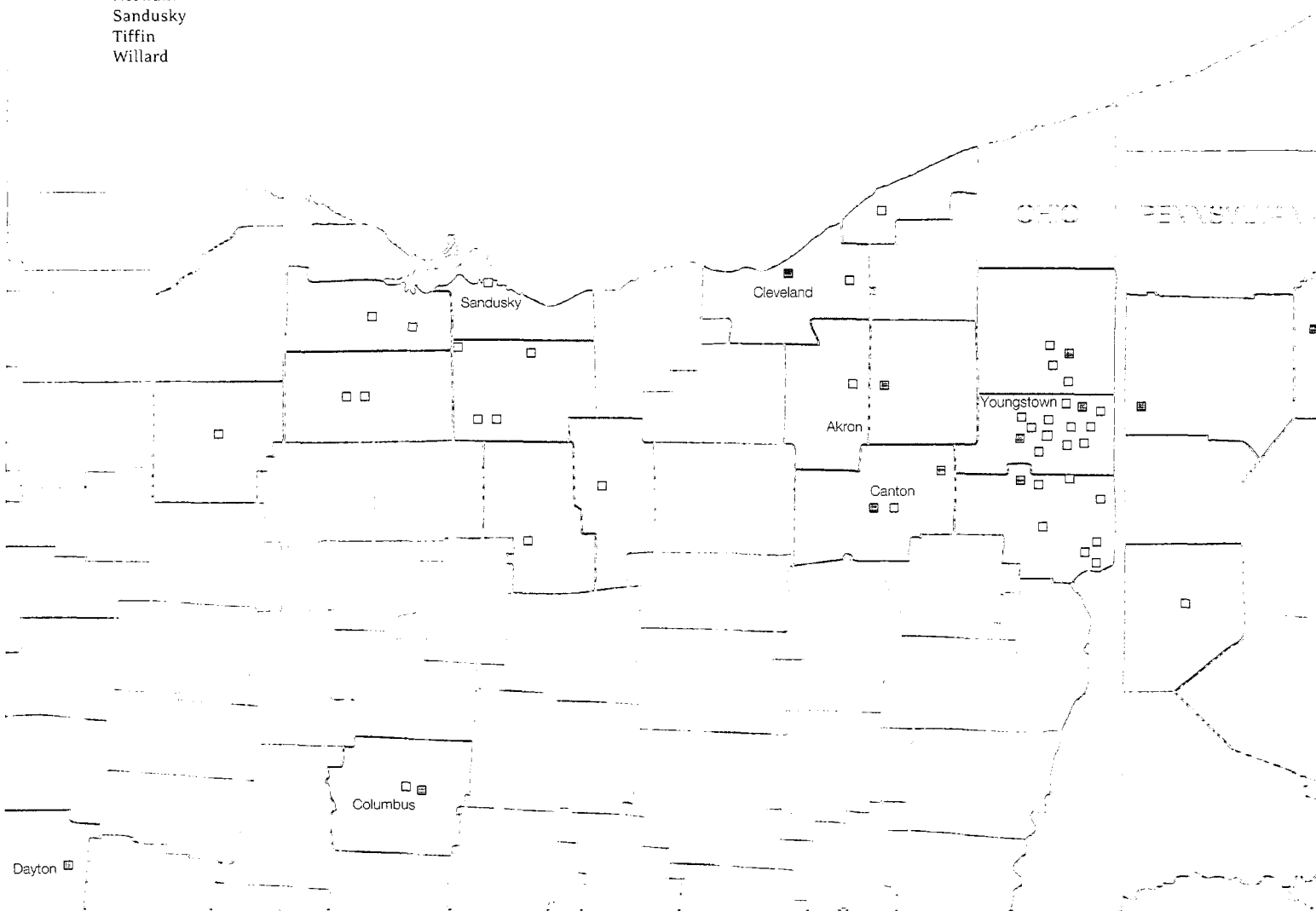
BUTLER WICK

OHIO
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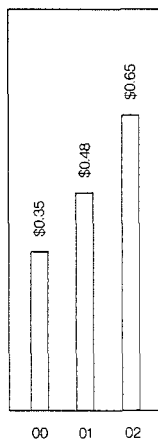
United Community Financial Corp. (NASDAQ:UCFC) is the holding company for The Home Savings and Loan Company and Butler Wick Corp. Home Savings is a community-oriented financial institution that has been serving its customers in Ohio's Mahoning Valley for more than 113 years. Butler Wick, through its subsidiaries, has served northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania since 1926, providing securities brokerage, asset management, trust services, insurance products, public finance and other underwriting services. Through acquisition and internal growth, Home Savings has expanded its market to encompass 38 offices in 15 counties across northern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Butler Wick has also grown, opening new offices and introducing new products and services that have generated profitable growth.

At United Community Financial Corp., we are committed to increasing shareholder value through continued profitable growth... and we know how to do it. It's all about building relationships, one neighbor at a time.

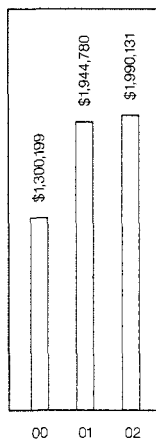


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

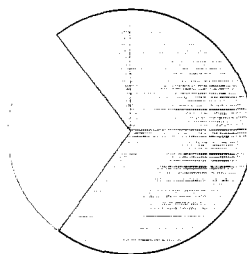
At December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE ITEMS)			
Total assets	\$1,990,131	\$1,944,780	\$1,300,199
Loans, net	1,478,213	1,406,479	876,653
Deposits	1,418,901	1,383,418	900,413
Shareholders' equity	274,569	261,880	261,899
Book value per common share	7.79	7.34	7.02
Market value per common share	8.65	7.20	6.94
Common shares outstanding	35,245	35,668	37,317
For The Year			
Net interest income	\$ 72,457	\$ 56,942	\$ 47,518
Noninterest income	31,073	1,383,418	900,413
Net income	20,817	271,631	114,317
Net income per common share:			
Basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.35
Diluted	0.65	0.48	0.35
Dividends paid per common share	0.30	0.30	0.30



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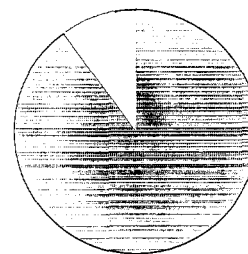


TOTAL ASSETS
(IN THOUSANDS)



DEPOSITS

□ CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	55.22%
□ SAVINGS ACCOUNTS	20.40%
□ MONEY MARKET ACCOUNTS	13.10%
□ INTEREST-BEARING CHECKING	7.47%
□ NONINTEREST CHECKING	3.81%



LOANS

□ REAL ESTATE LOANS	86.47%
□ CONSUMER LOANS	9.82%
□ COMMERCIAL LOANS	3.70%

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DEAR FELLOW SHAREHOLDERS,

On behalf of your Board of Directors, I am pleased to present this report to shareholders summarizing the operations and activities of United Community Financial Corp. for fiscal year 2002. It was, as you will see, a very successful year in which a record level of profitability was attained, even though economic concerns permeated many of the markets we serve.

United Community reported net income for the year of \$20.8 million, making 2002 the most profitable year in our company's history. In terms of diluted earnings per share, this represents an increase of 35.4% over 2001. We believe that earnings management must be accomplished in the long term as well as the short term. In the five years of our existence, United Community has averaged over 20% in year-to-year net income growth. Our Return on Average Equity (ROE) was 7.74% for the entire year of 2002, an increase over the prior year of 28.4%. Over the course of the past year, our Return on Average Assets (ROA) increased seven basis points to 1.04% and book value per share increased from \$7.34 to \$7.79. This was accomplished while increasing our reserve for future loan losses from 0.81% to 1.01% of total loans at the end of 2002.

Interest rates remained low throughout the year, which resulted in very strong loan demand. We met that demand dramatically by originating approximately \$896 million in mortgage, consumer and commercial loans. Total assets grew to \$2 billion during the year, an increase of only 2.3% due to our taking advantage of a very strong secondary market in mortgage loans. Despite the low interest rates, total deposits grew 7.1%, ending the year at nearly \$1.5 billion. This resulted in an increase of our interest rate spread from 2.95% to 3.40% by the end of 2002.

In April 2002, we completed the acquisition of Potters Financial Corporation, our third acquisition within four years. We continued to expand our customer base by opening a Home Savings full-service branch office in Mentor, Ohio, and a Butler Wick office in Dayton, Ohio. By year-end 2002, Home Savings was operating 34 full-service banking offices and four loan production offices. Butler Wick was operating 11 full-service brokerage offices and two trust offices. As a whole, United Community now has a presence throughout northern Ohio and western Pennsylvania and we are excited about the growth opportunities these markets present.

Throughout this period of balance sheet growth, we have completed many less visible projects. We have reduced our debt level while continuing to streamline operations and processes, reducing our efficiency ratio to 64.5%. Our substantial investment in technology has resulted in a much more functional and user-friendly online banking service. Our array of loan and deposit products has been broadened and our shareholder communications plan has been enhanced by means of a quarterly letter to shareholders. We continued to be deeply involved in affordable housing programs and our Charitable Foundation continued to support community organizations by making cash donations of nearly \$900,000 in 2002.

As I write this letter to you, we are looking forward to 2003 with a mixture of anxiety and optimism. Our anxiety stems from what appears today to be a perilous relationship at best between our country and a small

number of countries in the Middle East and Asia. We are hopeful for a strong recovery in our own national economy but recognize that it may take longer to develop than we had originally hoped.

Our optimism, however, springs from the fact that our past strategic initiatives have been effective and we will continue to pursue them. We will maintain our focus upon profitability, growth and capital management. Our strong capital position provides us with the ability to seek new markets and to take advantage of opportunities that arise. We have effectively reduced interest rate risk over the course of 2002 and we are well prepared for the variety of interest rate environments that we will face in the future. We are also pleased that Richard J. Schiraldi has joined our Board of Directors, replacing John Zimmerman, who resigned upon relocating to another state. As a partner in the accounting firm Cohen & Company, Mr. Schiraldi brings to the board a strong background in accounting and general business practices.

In closing, it is important to remind shareholders that your company is not about statistics, but is all about people. We have a solid customer base and we are going to build upon it. Our board members, our subsidiary directors and all the employees at Home Savings and Butler Wick are talented, dedicated people and they are the reason we have had such success. Again, on behalf of all stakeholders in United Community Financial Corp., I thank you for your support.



Douglas M. McKay
President and Chairman of the Board
UNITED COMMUNITY FINANCIAL CORP.

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board
THE HOME SAVINGS AND LOAN COMPANY

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David G. Lodge
President and COO
THE HOME SAVINGS AND
LOAN COMPANY

HOME SAVINGS

Buying a new home. Expanding a business. Planning for retirement. During each stage of life, Home Savings stands by its customers every step of the way.

Two-thousand-and-two was a year of strategic momentum for Home Savings. We worked to expand our coverage area through acquisitions and a new branch opening, and recorded all-time sales levels in our mortgage, consumer and commercial loan areas. In fact, net income for 2002 was more than 39% greater than in 2001. "We have become one of the largest and most profitable financial institutions of our kind in the State of Ohio and we are well positioned to continue to build upon our record of success," stated Douglas M. McKay, Home Savings CEO and Chairman of the Board.

As a result of the Potters Financial Corporation acquisition, finalized in April, we added four full-service retail offices and one loan production office to our network. This acquisition enabled Home Savings to take its first step into the Pennsylvania market with its Beaver office location. "The integration of Potters Bank into Home Savings has ultimately created a larger, stronger company," said David G. Lodge, Home Savings President and COO. "We worked diligently to blend the

best practices and people to increase efficiencies across the board and, as always, to exceed the expectations of our customers."

On many levels, we recognize that outstanding customer service is what differentiates us from our competition. For the most part, loan rates and product features are similar among financial institutions; however, customer service is not. At Home Savings, we have maintained an outstanding reputation based on our unwavering commitment to our customers...and our 113-year history can attest to that.

When Matt Bender and Addie Clutter began looking for their first home, they knew right where to turn. The young couple, who plan to marry this summer, put their confidence in Home Savings.

A few months ago, the opportunity to purchase a home presented itself to Bender and Clutter and they decided that it was the perfect time to take the big step, even though they wouldn't be able to enjoy the house together until after their wedding. Rates were at an all-time low and their mortgage loan officer, Mike Cope, Branch Sales Manager at our Salem Office, was helping to make the process simple and convenient. "My fiancée is a school teacher in the Alliance City School District and works out of town, so we needed to meet with our loan officer after business hours," stated Bender, an accountant at Hill, Barth & King CPAs. "Mr. Cope was very accommodating and answered any questions we had. He reassured us we were getting a great rate by keeping us informed when the rate changed throughout the process. He earned our trust."



Matt Bender
with fiancée Addie Clutter

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CUSTOMERS



Randy Walter, OWNER, RDW COMPANY
in an RDW model villa

HOME SAVINGS CUSTOMER

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Due to the increasing origination efforts in our expanding markets, Home Savings was able to achieve record loan volumes for the second consecutive year with approximately 6,000 loan closings totaling nearly \$600 million compared to \$539 million the previous year. "This is the highest mortgage loan origination number in the history of Home Savings," noted Lodge.

Construction lending numbers were also impressive. Approximately \$160 million in new loans was generated through new home construction and development. Randy Walter, owner of RDW Company, which specializes in the development and construction of condominiums, villas and single-family homes, was one of 10 area builders who participated in the First Annual Home Savings Condo Connection held in August. The event offered homebuyers the opportunity to visit the newest villa and condominium developments throughout Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties. According to Walter, the demand for condominiums and villas is on the rise. "The Home Savings Condo Connection was beneficial because it allowed homebuyers to tour the developments first-hand and see how appealing condo communities have become," he said.

While the RDW Company recorded 40 condo/villa sale closings in 2002, Walter said Home Savings and its Construction Lending Department have been instrumental in helping to build his business for nearly 25 years. "Many other banks make you jump through a lot of hoops, but the experts at Home Savings take the time to listen and respond to our needs," said Walter. "This is one of the main reasons why our relationship with them has grown over the years."

This record-setting trend also held true for consumer lending and commercial lending programs, which continued to produce tremendous growth volumes. Our Consumer Loan Department experienced another record year with a 58% increase over last year, closing 6,641 loans. Of the total \$142.5 million consumer loans booked in 2002, \$109 million, or 76%, were home equity loans. Two-thousand-and-two was the first full year of our indirect auto-lending program and results were excellent as we booked 1,648 loans totaling nearly \$24 million. This automobile program also helped to generate other new business for Home Savings, as we managed to cross sell over \$2 million in products and services, including checking and savings accounts and even mortgage loans.

Additionally, our commercial real estate loan portfolio grew to over \$350 million. "We had 260 loan closings in one year, which equates to roughly one closing per business day, averaging over \$500,000 per loan. That's tremendous considering the size of our institution," stated Lodge. We also gained more market penetration into the metropolitan areas of Cleveland, Columbus, Pittsburgh and Akron-Canton, not to mention the Mahoning Valley. And, despite a weaker economy, we were able to decrease the delinquency ratio in our commercial real estate portfolio by approximately 10% and open three new loan production offices in the Ohio areas of East Liverpool, Columbus and Findlay.

On the deposit side, we experienced an increase of \$98.5 million, or 7.1%, in 2002, mainly comprised of deposits acquired from Potters Bank. Rate conditions throughout the year led us to realize a \$13.6 million decrease in certificates of deposit, which was offset by our focus on

Larry and Cindy Maynard
"Home Savings takes care of customers the way they should be taken care of."

obtaining core business and retaining the deposits of our existing customers. This concentration resulted in an increase of \$44.9 million in savings accounts and \$67.2 million in checking accounts.

When Larry and Cindy Maynard decided to buy an area roller-skating rink eight years ago, they had big dreams of the business becoming more than just a place where children and adults alike would come to skate. Today, the Skate Zone, located in Austintown, Ohio, has become a virtual indoor/outdoor playground complete with an 18-hole miniature golf course, laser tag, adventure maze and playground, video games and a snack bar/pizza parlor. The 36,000-square-foot-facility now ranks fifth among skating centers in Ohio for gross sales.

Before deciding on making the half-million dollars in renovations on the Skate Zone, however, Maynard said he decided to consult Home Savings. Since that time, his business relationship with Home Savings has flourished. "They always try to make things as easy as possible - that's how I run my own business. I don't know any other way," explained Maynard. "Home Savings takes care of customers the way they should be taken care of."

This shared philosophy encourages continued investments in technology to make banking as convenient as possible for our customers. The total number of visitor sessions on our Online Banking system rose from 138,004 in 2001 to 305,870 in 2002. This 122% increase necessitated an upgrade to our system, which enabled our company to provide simultaneous online banking services to many more customers each month. We also experienced growth in TeleBanking usage, which increased 42% over last year.

Our retail branches received a new teller software system, enabling customer service representatives to more quickly open new accounts, process transactions and verify pertinent information at the touch of a button - ultimately increasing efficiency for our employees and our customers. "It's important for our company to keep current with technological trends in order to remain competitive in the community banking industry," noted Lodge.

In October, Home Savings opened its first full-service retail branch in Cleveland. Our new Mentor Office is paramount to the support of our loan production offices in Stow, Canton and Beachwood, Ohio, and will ultimately help to bridge the gap between our Northeast and Northwest Division branches. We continue to look for opportunities to branch into markets that are either poorly served or under served by other banks, as well as moving into growth markets that can result in profitable expansion. Through various marketing campaigns and the efforts of an experienced sales staff, the Mentor Office is steadily gaining market exposure and name recognition throughout Lake County.

Our growth and success over the past two years has not gone unnoticed. Home Savings was recently recognized by Cleveland's *Inside Business Magazine* as one of Northeast Ohio's top-performing companies in an 18-county region and was awarded the 2003 NEO Success Award. The award criteria are based on a two-year growth formula that incorporates an increase in revenues, number of employees and profitability.



Larry and Ginny Maynard
with daughter Hayley

HOME SAVINGS CUSTOMERS



Mary Jefferson,
Butler Wick client

WITH KATHLEEN BROWN, TRUST ADVISOR

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This past year we have taken the initiative to combine a number of our products and services to best meet the diverse needs of our customers. We have worked to further integrate services between Home Savings and Butler Wick Corp., the two subsidiaries of United Community Financial Corporation. This integration is providing one-stop shopping for customers who want to utilize our full range of services, from banking and brokerage to trust, asset management and insurance.

BUTLER WICK

For Butler Wick and the entire securities industry, 2002 proved to be yet another challenging year. "Since revenues were down, several cost reduction and containment measures were implemented. Due to these measures, we managed to increase profits modestly in a lower-revenue environment, and improve our efficiency ratio. Despite a decrease in our securities and capital markets business, our trust business has continued to grow," stated Thomas J. Cavalier, Chairman, President and CEO, Butler Wick Corp.

Although we found it necessary to reduce costs, we also looked for opportunities to expand our business in areas where we believe we can service clients and become more profitable. We opened a new branch office in Dayton and are excited about expanding our network and enhancing our sales efforts. "We will continue to look for growth opportunities in 2003 with further expansion into Columbus and a new office in Beachwood. We are looking toward Cleveland, Columbus and Dayton as viable market areas for Butler Wick," noted Cavalier.



Thomas J. Cavalier
Chairman, President and CEO
BUTLER WICK CORP.

Enhancements in the area of wealth management are also on tap for 2003, as is merging our asset management company into our securities company. This merger will allow us to reduce accounting and audit fees, simplifying reporting and improving efficiency.

In a year of shattered confidence and ethical breaches in business, Butler Wick was recognized for its high standards and emerged as a role model for other businesses by receiving The Better Business Bureau's Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics. "No award ever received in our 76-year history has meant as much as this one," said Cavalier. "We pledge to continue the utmost in sound business practices and ethics, while delivering products and services in the personal manner with which we have become synonymous."

This personalized service is what keeps Irene Jefferson satisfied as a long-time customer of Butler Wick. Jefferson, a life-long resident of Youngstown, said her trust officer, Kathleen Brown, and the employees at Butler Wick have become like family to her. "They really take care of me and inspire trust like no one else I know," said Jefferson.



Kenneth Rudge
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YMCA

Today's business world can be very challenging, but Jefferson said that Butler Wick eliminates that uncertainty and stress. "I don't have to worry about anything. I know things will be taken care of, my bills will be paid and my estate is secure. I feel safe knowing I am their client."

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

We realize that our success depends upon the vitality of the areas we serve. Our Charitable Foundation provides both leadership and support to a number of charitable causes and non-profit organizations throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania on behalf of United Community, Home Savings and Butler Wick.

Over the years, the Foundation has remained steadfast and true to its mission. We have contributed millions of dollars in the areas of education, health care and disadvantaged children and adults. "We provide pledges for capital campaigns, scholarship programs and other organization needs - all in an effort to enrich the lives of community residents," explained Darlene Pavlock, Executive Director of the Foundation.

During fiscal 2002, the Foundation disbursed \$851,379 including a five-year \$200,000 pledge to Youngstown State University for a new recreation center; a three-year \$60,000 pledge to the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Howland for renovation and additions to its existing facility; and a \$25,000 pledge to the Lepper Public Library in Lisbon for building expansions. In addition, nearly \$65,000 in scholarships was awarded to area high school and college students in our Northeast and Northwest Divisions to promote higher education. Plans to expand the scholarship program are already underway for 2003.

Our employees remained leaders in the efforts to strengthen economic, educational and cultural developments as well. This year, United Way corporate pledges from employees of Home Savings and Butler Wick totaled nearly \$56,000, which was an increase of \$11,000 over 2001. The total donation from the Foundation topped \$86,000, with funds dispersed throughout 17 United Way chapters in our market areas.

Kenneth Rudge "Home Savings and the YMCA share the same vision of expanding worthwhile programs in our valley..."

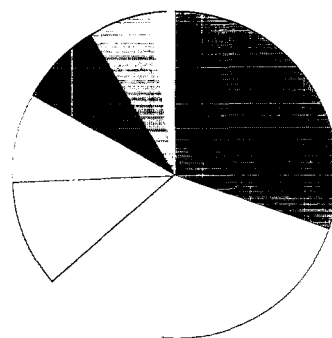
with swimmers from the YMCA's
Tadpole and Guppy classes

The YMCA of Youngstown has had a long-standing relationship with our Charitable Foundation and the community as a whole is benefiting. The Foundation recently made a five-year pledge of \$250,000 for the construction project of the new D. D. and Velma Davis Family Branch YMCA, an 80,000-square-foot, \$12 million complex located in Boardman, Ohio.

According to Kenneth Rudge, Executive Director and CEO of the Youngstown YMCA, the concept of the new facility came about in response to the pressing needs of the Mahoning Valley. "The Downtown Youngstown location remains the heart and soul of this organization. However, the new family branch will provide essential support to individuals, businesses and families in the growing suburbs of Youngstown," noted Rudge.

When Rudge first initiated this project, he contacted Home Savings. "One of my first calls was to Doug McKay and he immediately offered his support. This really helped set the tone for the current fundraising campaign," Rudge said. "Home Savings and the YMCA share the same vision of expanding worthwhile programs in our valley and that is evident through the generosity of its Charitable Foundation." Grand opening of the facility is planned for summer 2003.

Much like that of Home Savings and Butler Wick, the YMCA is giving back to the market areas it serves and working to make our community a better place in which to live, work and raise a family.



CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	
□ GENERAL POPULATION	30.34%
□ EDUCATION	20.93%
□ HEALTH CARE	12.38%
□ DISADVANTAGED ADULTS	10.71%
□ DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN	8.74%
■ CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES	8.26%
□ CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	6.17%
□ ANIMAL WELFARE	1.53%
□ CHILDREN	.94%



United Community Financial Corp.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT)

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Cohen & Company, CPAs

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selected financial data and other data

SELECTED FINANCIAL CONDITION DATA:

At December 31,	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
(IN THOUSANDS)					
Total assets	\$1,990,131	\$1,944,780	\$1,300,199	\$1,327,573	\$1,297,689
Cash and cash equivalents	110,936	205,883	45,972	111,445	172,409
Securities:					
Trading	5,060	8,352	5,933	7,657	2,804
Available for sale	237,268	118,150	190,176	275,463	211,090
Held to maturity	—	80,496	108,560	139,170	187,992
Loans, net	1,478,213	1,406,479	876,653	723,087	657,498
Loans held for sale	45,825	20,192	—	—	—
FHLB stock	21,069	18,760	13,793	12,825	11,958
Deposits	1,481,901	1,383,418	900,413	834,087	777,583
Other borrowed funds	210,024	271,631	114,317	213,578	26,727
Total shareholders' equity	274,569	261,880	261,899	256,868	474,821

SUMMARY OF EARNINGS:

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
(IN THOUSANDS)					
Interest income	\$126,693	\$113,989	\$91,622	\$89,971	\$87,755
Interest expense	54,236	57,047	44,104	34,284	36,570
Net interest income	72,457	56,942	47,518	55,687	51,185
Provision for loan loss allowances	3,578	2,495	300	100	650
Net interest income after provision for loan loss allowances	68,879	54,447	47,218	55,587	50,535
Noninterest income	31,073	28,449	24,754	22,721	22,137
Noninterest expenses (1)(2)(3)	68,359	57,708	54,307	61,037	56,931
Income before income taxes	31,593	25,188	17,665	17,271	15,741
Income taxes	10,776	9,509	6,051	6,876	5,612
Net income	\$ 20,817	\$ 15,679	\$11,614	\$10,395	\$10,129

(1) For the year ended December 31, 2000, noninterest expense included a \$2.9 million gain on postretirement benefits curtailment and a \$1.0 million loss on pension termination.

(2) For the year ended December 31, 1999, noninterest expense included \$6.4 million compensation expense as a result of the \$6.00 per share special capital distribution paid on Recognition and Retention Plan (RRP) shares.

(3) For the year ended December 31, 1998, noninterest expense included \$11.8 million as a result of the contribution to the Home Savings and Loan Charitable Foundation (Foundation).

SELECTED FINANCIAL RATIOS AND OTHER DATA:

At or for the Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
Performance ratios: (1)					
Return on average assets (2)	1.04%	0.97%	0.92%	0.79%	0.83%
Return on average equity (3)	7.74	6.03	4.47	2.46	3.41
Interest rate spread (4)	3.40	2.95	2.91	2.98	3.28
Net interest margin (5)	3.83	3.66	3.89	4.38	4.32
Noninterest expense to average assets	3.43	3.56	4.30	4.66	4.66
Efficiency ratio (6)	64.52	66.34	75.14	77.85	77.65
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities	114.98	119.23	127.08	152.09	133.59
Capital ratios:					
Average equity to average assets	13.48	16.04	20.57	32.25	24.30
Shareholders' equity to assets at year end	13.80	13.47	20.14	19.35	36.59
Tangible capital	8.05	9.07	14.51	26.75	26.80
Core capital	8.05	9.07	14.51	26.75	26.80
Risk-based capital	12.61	14.70	24.33	50.41	51.51
Asset quality ratios:					
Nonperforming loans to loans at year end (7)	1.01	0.89	1.10	0.54	1.15
Nonperforming assets to average assets (8)	0.82	0.80	0.79	0.31	0.63
Nonperforming assets to total assets at year end (8)	0.83	0.67	0.77	0.30	0.59
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of loans	1.01	0.81	0.74	0.88	0.96
Allowance for loan losses as a percent of nonperforming loans (7)	97.62	92.13	67.79	164.86	84.62
Number of:					
Loans	37,872	25,636	22,699	20,274	19,628
Deposits	173,528	164,753	115,785	106,196	105,426
Per share data: (9)					
Basic earnings (10)	\$0.65	\$0.49	\$0.35	\$0.31	\$0.10
Diluted earnings (10)	0.65	0.48	0.35	0.30	0.10
Book value (11)	7.79	7.34	7.02	6.80	13.38
Dividend payout ratio (12)	46.15%	62.50%	85.71%	100.00%	75.00%

(1) Performance ratios for 2000 reflect the \$2.9 million gain on postretirement benefits curtailment and the \$1.0 million loss on pension termination. Performance ratios for 1999 reflect the \$6.4 million employee benefit expense related to the \$6.00 per share special capital distribution paid on the RRP shares. Performance ratios for 1998 reflect the \$11.8 million contribution to the Foundation.

(2) Net income divided by average total assets. Excluding the effects of the gain on postretirement benefits curtailment and the loss on pension termination, the return on average assets would have been 0.80% for the year ended December 31, 2000. Excluding the effect of the employee benefit expense related to the special capital distribution paid on the RRP shares, the return on average assets would have been 1.16% for the year ended December 31, 1999. Excluding the effect of the contribution to the Foundation, the return on average assets would have been 1.43% for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(3) Net income divided by average total equity. Excluding the effects of the gain on postretirement benefits curtailment and the loss on pension termination, the return on average equity would have been 3.90% for the year ended December 31, 2000. Excluding the effect of the employee benefit expense related to the special capital distribution paid on the RRP shares, the return on average equity would have been 3.60% for the year ended December 31, 1999. Excluding the effect of the contribution to the Foundation, the return on average equity would have been 5.89% for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(4) Difference between weighted average yield on interest-earning assets and weighted average cost of interest-bearing liabilities.

(5) Net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

(6) Noninterest expense divided by the sum of net interest income and noninterest income. Excluding the effects of the gain on postretirement benefits curtailment and the loss on pension termination, the efficiency ratio would have been 78.22% for the year ended December 31, 2000. Excluding the effect of the employee benefit expense related to the special capital distribution paid on the RRP shares, the efficiency ratio would have been 69.52% for the year ended December 31, 1999. Excluding the effect of the contribution to the Foundation, the efficiency ratio would have been 61.73% for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(7) Nonperforming loans consist of nonaccrual loans and restructured loans.

(8) Nonperforming assets consist of nonperforming loans and real estate acquired in settlement of loans.

(9) For purpose of displaying six months earnings per share for 1998, it is assumed the Conversion took place as of July 1, 1998.

(10) Net income divided by average number of shares outstanding. Excluding the effects of the gain on postretirement benefits curtailment and the loss on pension termination, basic and diluted earnings per share would have been \$0.31 for the year ended December 31, 2000. Excluding the effect of the employee benefit expense related to the special capital distribution paid on the RRP shares, basic earnings per share would have been \$0.45 and diluted earnings per share would have been \$0.44 for the year ended December 31, 1999. Excluding the effect of the contribution to the Foundation, basic and diluted earnings per share would have been \$0.32 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

(11) Shareholders' equity divided by number of shares outstanding.

(12) Historical per share dividends declared and paid for the year divided by the diluted earnings per share for the year.

management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations

GENERAL

United Community Financial Corp. (United Community) was incorporated for the purpose of owning all of the outstanding stock of The Home Savings and Loan Company of Youngstown, Ohio (Home Savings). On August 12, 1999, United Community acquired Butler Wick Corp. (Butler Wick). On July 1, 2001, United Community acquired Industrial Bancorp, Inc. (Industrial), which was accounted for as a purchase. Accordingly, the results of Industrial's operations from the effective date of acquisition have been included in United Community's 2001 financial statements. On April 1, 2002, United Community acquired Potters Financial Corporation (Potters), which was accounted for as a purchase. Accordingly, the results of Potters' operations from the effective date of acquisition have been included in United Community's 2002 financial statements. See note 2 to the consolidated financial statements for a more detailed discussion of these acquisitions.

United Community acquired \$313.6 million in deposits from the Industrial acquisition and \$113.8 million from the Potters acquisition. Deposits in branches acquired from Industrial have grown to \$315.1 million, while deposits in branches acquired from Potters have declined to \$110.1 million. We anticipate deposit growth in both of these areas going forward.

The following discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of United Community and its subsidiaries should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, and the notes thereto, included in this Annual Report.

CHANGES IN FINANCIAL CONDITION

Total assets increased \$45.4 million, or 2.3%, from \$1.94 billion at December 31, 2001 to \$1.99 billion at December 31, 2002, primarily as a result of the Potters acquisition. Net loans increased \$71.7 million, or 5.1%, loans held for sale increased \$25.6 million, or 126.9% and securities increased \$35.3 million, or 17.1%. Decreases in cash and cash equivalents of \$94.9 million, or 46.1%, and margin accounts of \$6.2 million, or 29.4%, and increases in deposits of \$98.5 million, or 7.1%, funded the increases in loans and securities. We anticipate continued growth resulting from our expansion into new markets as a result of the 2001 and 2002 acquisitions.

Net loans increased \$71.7 million, or 5.1%, to \$1.48 billion at December 31, 2002, compared to \$1.41 billion at December 31, 2001, of which \$112.1 million is attributable to the Potters acquisition. The most significant increases were \$83.2 million in non-residential real estate loans, \$44.8 million in consumer loans, \$19.4 million in commercial loans, \$19.1 million in multifamily real estate loans and \$15.1 million in construction loans. These increases, totaling \$181.6 million, were partially offset by a \$94.9 million decline in real estate loans secured by one-to four-family residences as a result of the sale of approximately \$107.9 million in fixed rate loans out of the portfolio in the second quarter of 2002 to help reduce interest rate risk. Home Savings anticipates continued net growth in all loan categories, which will increase the risk of loan losses. Non-residential real estate lending is generally considered to involve a

higher degree of risk than residential real estate lending due to the relatively larger loan amounts and the effects of general economic conditions on the successful operation of income-producing properties.

Home Savings became active in the secondary market during 2001. Loans held for sale were \$45.8 million at December 31, 2002 compared to \$20.2 million at December 31, 2001. Home Savings will continue to sell fixed rate loans going forward as a part of its strategic plan to help manage interest rate risk.

Funds not currently utilized for general corporate purposes, including loan originations, enhanced customer services and possible acquisitions, are invested in overnight funds and securities. Overnight funds decreased \$92.5 million, or 54.3%, to \$77.8 million at December 31, 2002 compared to \$170.3 million at December 31, 2001. The decrease in overnight funds was primarily used to fund a net increase in securities of \$35.3 million and an increase in net loans of \$71.7 million. During 2002, management decided to reclassify investments in the held to maturity portfolio and designate them as available for sale. During the fourth quarter of 2002, United Community sold approximately \$31.1 million in mortgage related securities to take advantage of the current economic conditions. Securities available for sale increased \$119.1 million, or 100.8%, which was offset by decreases of \$80.5 million, or 100%, in securities held to maturity and \$3.3 million, or 39.4%, in trading securities.

Total deposits increased \$98.5 million, or 7.1%, from \$1.38 billion at December 31, 2001 to \$1.48 billion at December 31, 2002. The deposit increase included a \$67.2 million increase in demand accounts and a \$44.9 million increase in savings accounts, which were partially offset by a decrease of \$13.6 million in certificates of deposit. During 2002, \$113.8 million in deposits were acquired from Potters. The net decrease was attributable to CD's that were not renewed due to the current interest rate environment.

Other borrowed funds decreased \$61.6 million, or 22.7%, at December 31, 2002 compared to December 31, 2001. The primary reason for the decrease was the maturity of borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) and the early extinguishment of FHLB debt. During 2002, United Community determined that it was advantageous to extinguish debt early and incur associated fees due to current economic conditions and cash inflow from loans sold. Other borrowed funds were used primarily to fund the purchase of Potters and loan growth. United Community may borrow funds in 2003 to satisfy funding requirements.

Total shareholders' equity increased \$12.7 million, or 4.8%, from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2002. The increase was primarily due to earnings for the year, an increase in accumulated other comprehensive income and a decrease in unearned stock compensation, offset by quarterly dividend payments and treasury stock purchases. United Community acquired 529,200 shares of common stock for \$4.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2002. As of December 31, 2002,

United Community has authorization to purchase up to 1,158,832 additional shares under its current repurchase agreement. Book value per share was \$7.79 as of December 31, 2002.

COMPARISON OF OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND DECEMBER 31, 2001

Net Income. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2002 was \$20.8 million, compared to \$15.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2001. The primary reason for the increase was a \$15.5 million increase in net interest income and a \$2.6 million increase in noninterest income. These increases were partially offset by a \$10.7 million increase in noninterest expense and a \$1.1 million increase in the provision for loan loss allowances. Diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2002 were \$0.65 compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.48 for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income increased \$15.5 million, or 27.2%, to \$72.5 million in 2002 from \$56.9 million for 2001. Total interest income increased \$12.7 million and interest expense decreased \$2.8 million. The increase in total interest income was primarily due to an increase in interest on loans of \$17.8 million, which was partially offset by a decrease in interest earned on securities of \$3.9 million and a decrease in income on margin accounts of \$944,000. The average balance of interest-earning assets increased \$334.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2002 compared to 2001. The average yield on interest-earning assets decreased to 6.70% in 2002 compared to 7.32% in 2001. The decrease in interest expense was primarily due to a decrease in interest expense on deposits of \$3.1 million. The average balance of interest-bearing liabilities increased \$338.9 million and the average rate paid decreased to 3.30% for 2002 from 4.37% for 2001. The interest rate spread increased 45 basis points to 3.40% for 2002 from 2.95% for 2001 as a result of the 107 basis point decrease in the cost of interest-bearing liabilities partially offset by a 62 basis point decrease in the yield on interest-earning assets. We anticipate that the average rate paid on interest-bearing liabilities will not decrease significantly going forward. As a result, net interest income could be negatively impacted in a continuing declining interest rate environment. However, we are well positioned in the event of a mild increase in interest rates.

Provision for Loan Losses. Provisions for loan losses are charged to operations to bring the total allowance for loan losses to a level considered by management to be adequate to provide for probable estimated losses based on management's evaluation of such factors as the delinquency status of loans, current economic conditions, the net realizable value of the underlying collateral, changes in the composition of the loan portfolio and prior loan loss experience. The provision for loan losses was \$3.6 million in 2002 compared to a provision of \$2.5 million in 2001. The primary reasons for the increase in the provision is the loan growth experienced in 2002, an increase in nonperforming loans of \$3.2 million from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2002, an increase in loans charged off, an increase in delinquencies, current economic conditions and loans originated in new market areas. Additional factors that contributed to the increase in the provision include a shift in the mix of the portfolio as a result of the sale of mortgage loans and an increase in

loans on the watch list. If the current economic conditions continue, additional reserves may need to be established to provide for probable future losses. The allowance for loan losses totaled \$15.1 million at December 31, 2002, which was 1.01% of total loans and 97.62% of nonperforming loans.

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income increased \$2.6 million, or 9.2%, to \$31.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2002, from \$28.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2001. The increase was primarily due to an increase of \$1.7 million in net gains recognized on the sale of securities, an increase of \$1.0 million in other income, a \$469,000 increase in gains recognized on the sale of loans and a \$467,000 increase in service fees and other charges. Since Anthem is Home Savings' health care provider, Home Savings received shares of Anthem stock through the demutualization of Anthem, Inc. and subsequently sold the stock. To recognize the receipt of the stock, other income was increased by \$847,000. To recognize the subsequent sale of the stock, a gain of \$476,000 was recognized on the sale of investment securities. These increases were partially offset by a \$1.0 million decline in underwriting and investment banking income and a \$552,000 recognized loss primarily due to the disposal of fixed assets in 2002.

Noninterest Expense. Noninterest expense increased \$10.7 million to \$68.4 million for 2002, from \$57.7 million in 2001. The primary reasons for the increase is an increase in salaries and employee benefits of \$5.4 million, an increase in occupancy expense of \$611,000, an increase in advertising expense of \$229,000, a \$931,000 increase in equipment and data processing and a \$509,000 increase in the amortization of the core deposit intangible, all of which are primarily related to the Industrial and Potters acquisitions. Although approximately \$4.4 million of the increase in salaries and employee benefits is attributable to the acquisitions, the increase in salaries and employee benefits is also attributable to an increase in commissions paid to loan originators of \$472,000 as a result of increased loan volume, an increase in ESOP expense of \$373,000 due to the increase in United Community's stock price and an increase in RRP expense as a result of additional grants that vested in 2002. Also contributing to the increase in noninterest expense was a \$3.0 million increase in other expenses. The increase in other expense is primarily due to an increase of \$954,000 in bank fees as a result of the early extinguishment of debt. Increases in supervisory fees, telephone expense, postage, couriers, SAIF premiums and protection costs also added to the increase.

Federal Income Taxes. Federal income taxes increased \$1.3 million, or 13.3%, in 2002 compared to 2001, primarily due to higher pretax income in 2002. The effective tax rate was 34% in 2002 and 38% in 2001. The primary reason for the reduction in effective tax rate is related to the reversal of a \$400,000 valuation allowance that was established in 1999 in relation to the contribution United Community made to the Home Savings Charitable Foundation. Based on current levels of taxable income, management believes that the tax benefit related to the contribution will be completely utilized. Refer to Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements for a further analysis of the effective tax rate.

COMPARISON OF OPERATING RESULTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND DECEMBER 31, 2000

Net Income. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2001 was \$15.7 million, compared to \$11.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2000. The primary reason for the increase was a \$9.4 million increase in net interest income and a \$3.7 million increase in noninterest income. These increases were partially offset by a \$3.4 million increase in noninterest expense and a \$2.2 million increase in the provision for loan loss allowances. Diluted earnings per share for the year ended December 31, 2001 were \$0.48 compared to diluted earnings per share of \$0.35 for the year ended December 31, 2000.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income increased \$9.4 million, or 19.8%, to \$56.9 million in 2001 from \$47.5 million for 2000. Total interest income increased \$22.4 million and interest expense increased \$12.9 million. The increase in total interest income was primarily due to an increase in interest on loans of \$30.1 million, which was partially offset by a decrease in interest earned on securities of \$8.1 million and a decrease in income on margin accounts of \$1.8 million. The average balance of interest-earning assets increased \$335.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 compared to 2000. The average yield on interest-earning assets decreased to 7.32% in 2001 compared to 7.50% in 2000. The increase in interest expense was primarily due to an increase in interest expense on deposits of \$12.6 million, due to an increase in the weighted average balance of deposits. The average balance of interest-bearing liabilities increased \$344.6 million, or 35.8%, and the average rate paid decreased to 4.37% for 2001 from 4.59% for 2000. The interest rate spread increased 4 basis points to 2.95% for 2001 from 2.91% for 2000 as a result of the 22 basis point decrease in the cost of interest-bearing liabilities partially offset by a 18 basis point decrease in the yield on interest-earning assets.

Provision for Loan Losses. Due to growth in the loan portfolio, increases in nonperforming and delinquent loans and economic conditions, the provision for loan loss allowance was \$2.5 million in 2001 compared to a provision of \$300,000 in 2000. The primary reasons for the increase in the provision is the loan growth experienced in 2001, an increase in nonperforming loans of \$2.8 million from December 31, 2000 to December 31, 2001, an increase in delinquencies, current economic conditions and loans originated in new market areas. Additional factors that contributed to the increase in the provision during the fourth quarter include a shift in the mix of the portfolio and an increase in loans on the watch list. The allowance for loan losses totaled \$11.5 million at December 31, 2001, which was 0.80% of total loans and 92.13% of nonperforming loans.

Noninterest Income. Noninterest income increased \$3.7 million, or 14.9%, to \$28.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2001, from \$24.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2000. The increase was primarily due to an increase of \$5.5 million recognized on the sale of loans and a \$2.2 million increase in service fees and other charges. These increases were partially offset by a \$3.8 million decline in commission income and a \$1.1 million decrease in gains recognized on trading securities in 2001.

Noninterest Expense. Noninterest expense increased \$3.4 million to \$57.7 million for 2001, from \$54.3 million in 2000. The primary reasons for the increase are a \$1.6 million increase in equipment and data processing, a \$1.7 million increase in the amortization of the core deposit intangible related to the Industrial acquisition and a \$1.1 million increase in other expenses. These increases were partially offset by a \$1.7 million decline in salaries and employee benefits primarily due to lower commissions earned at Butler Wick and a \$1.7 million decline in franchise tax due to lower equity for Home Savings in 2001 compared to 2000. A \$2.9 million gain on the curtailment of postretirement benefits and a \$1.8 million loss on the termination of the Home Savings' pension plan, which both occurred in 2000, also contributed to the change in noninterest expense.

Federal Income Taxes. Federal income taxes increased \$3.5 million, or 57.1%, in 2001 compared to 2000, primarily due to higher pretax income in 2001. The effective tax rate was 38% in 2001 and 34% in 2000. Refer to Note 12 to the consolidated financial statements for a further analysis of the effective tax rate.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The accounting and reporting policies of United Community are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted within the United States of America and conform to general practices within the banking industry. Application of these principles requires management to make estimates, assumptions and judgements that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. These estimates, assumptions and judgements are based on information available as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, as this information changes, the financial statements could reflect different estimates, assumptions and judgements.

The most significant accounting policies followed by United Community are presented in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements. Accounting and reporting policies for the allowance for loan losses and mortgage servicing rights are deemed critical since they involve the use of estimates and require significant management judgements. United Community provides further detail on the methodology and reporting of the allowance for loan losses in Note 5 and mortgage servicing rights in Note 6.

YIELDS EARNED AND RATES PAID

The following table sets forth certain information relating to United Community's average balance sheet information and reflects the average yield on interest-earning assets and the average cost of interest-bearing liabilities for the periods indicated. Such yields and costs are derived by dividing income or expense by the average balances of interest-earning assets or interest-bearing liabilities, respectively, for the periods presented. Average balances are derived from daily balances. Nonaccruing loans have been included in the table as loans carrying a zero yield. The average balance for securities available for sale is computed using the carrying value and the average yield on securities available for sale has been computed using the historical amortized average balance.

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Year ended December 31,	2002			2001			2000		
	Average outstanding balance	Interest earned/ paid	Yield/ rate	Average outstanding balance	Interest earned/ paid	Yield/ rate	Average outstanding balance	Interest earned/ paid	Yield/ rate
(IN THOUSANDS)									
Interest-earning assets:									
Net loans (1)	\$1,507,591	\$110,746	7.35%	\$1,185,202	\$92,933	7.84%	\$ 785,437	\$62,836	8.00%
Net loans held for sale	18,351	1,243	6.77	12,440	886	7.12	—	—	—
Securities:									
Trading	10,179	196	1.93	6,359	151	2.37	6,325	145	2.29
Available for sale	174,526	7,602	4.36	152,657	8,864	5.81	237,985	14,633	6.15
Held to maturity	56,845	3,762	6.62	94,670	6,400	6.76	125,909	8,713	6.92
Margin accounts	17,883	830	4.64	26,637	1,774	6.66	41,288	3,565	8.63
FHLB stock	20,136	932	4.63	15,822	1,078	6.81	13,181	968	7.34
Other interest-earning assets	86,318	1,382	1.60	64,006	1,903	2.97	12,263	762	6.21
Total interest-earning assets	1,891,829	126,693	6.70	1,557,793	113,989	7.32	1,222,388	91,622	7.50
Noninterest-earning assets	103,504			64,049			41,214		
Total assets	\$1,995,333			\$1,621,842			\$1,263,602		
Interest-bearing liabilities:									
Deposits:									
Checking accounts	\$ 279,894	\$ 5,319	1.90%	\$ 184,120	\$ 5,446	2.96%	\$ 145,649	\$ 4,167	2.86%
Savings accounts	299,048	4,946	1.65	228,485	5,212	2.28	213,342	5,271	2.47
Certificates of deposit	850,054	34,668	4.08	696,633	37,353	5.36	467,823	25,956	5.55
Other borrowed funds	216,420	9,303	4.30	197,294	9,036	4.58	135,108	8,710	6.45
Total interest-bearing liabilities	1,645,416	54,236	3.30	1,306,532	57,047	4.37	961,922	44,104	4.59
Noninterest-bearing liabilities	80,969			55,088			41,699		
Total liabilities	1,726,385			1,361,620			1,003,621		
Shareholders' equity	268,948			260,222			259,981		
Total liabilities and equity	\$1,995,333			\$1,621,842			\$1,263,602		
Net interest income and interest rate spread									
		\$72,457	3.40%		\$56,942	2.95%		\$47,518	2.91%
Net interest margin			3.83%			3.66%			3.89%
Average interest-earning assets to average interest-bearing liabilities									
			114.98%			119.23%			127.08%

(1) Nonaccrual loans are included in the average balance.

The table below describes the extent to which changes in interest rates and changes in volume of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities have affected United Community's interest income and interest expense during the periods indicated. For each category of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities, information is provided on changes attributable to (i) changes in volume (change in volume

multiplied by prior period rate), (ii) changes in rate (change in rate multiplied by prior period volume) and (iii) total changes in rate and volume. The combined effects of changes in both volume and rate, which cannot be separately identified, have been allocated in proportion to the changes due to volume and rate:

Year ended December 31,	2002 vs. 2001			2001 vs. 2000		
	Increase (decrease) due to		Total increase (decrease)	Increase (decrease) due to		Total increase (decrease)
	Rate	Volume		Rate	Volume	
(IN THOUSANDS)						
Interest-earning assets:						
Loans	\$ (5,387)	\$23,200	\$17,813	\$(1,223)	\$31,320	\$30,097
Loans held for sale	(41)	398	357	—	886	886
Securities:						
Trading	(21)	66	45	5	1	6
Available for sale	(2,958)	1,696	(1,262)	(739)	(5,030)	(5,769)
Held to maturity	(132)	(2,506)	(2,638)	(193)	(2,120)	(2,313)
Margin accounts	(453)	(491)	(944)	(702)	(1,089)	(1,791)
FHLB stock	(975)	829	(146)	(62)	172	110
Other interest-earning assets	(2,130)	1,609	(521)	(161)	1,302	1,141
Total interest-earning assets	\$ (12,097)	\$24,801	\$12,704	\$ (3,075)	\$25,442	\$22,367
Interest-bearing liabilities:						
Checking accounts	\$ 279	\$ (406)	\$ (127)	145	1,134	1,279
Savings accounts	2,159	(2,425)	(266)	(788)	729	(59)
Certificates of deposit	(33,547)	30,862	(2,685)	(840)	12,237	11,397
Other borrowed funds	(462)	729	267	(553)	879	326
Total interest-bearing liabilities	\$ (31,571)	\$28,760	\$ (2,811)	\$(2,036)	\$14,979	12,943
Change in net interest income			\$15,515			\$ 9,424

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS, COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The following table presents, as of December 31, 2002, United Community's significant fixed and determinable contractual obligations by payment date. The payment amounts represent those amounts con-

tractually due to the recipient and do not include any unamortized premiums or discounts or other similar carrying value adjustments. Further discussion of the nature of each obligation is included in the referenced note to the consolidated financial statements.

		Payments Due in				
	Note Reference	One Year or Less	One to Three Years	Three to Five Years	Over Five Years	Total
(IN THOUSANDS)						
Operating leases	8	298	618	651	335	1,902
Deposits without a stated maturity	10	663,558	–	–	–	663,558
Certificates of deposit	10	485,479	226,533	106,010	321	818,343
Federal funds borrowed	11	10,893	37,357	132,930	1,792	182,972
Borrowed funds	11	27,052	–	–	–	27,052

A schedule of significant commitments as of December 31, 2002 follows:

(IN THOUSANDS)

Commitment to originate:

Mortgage loans	\$ 27,915
Other loans	135
Unfunded lines of credit	130,518
Net commitments to sell mortgage loans	64,396

Further discussion of these commitments is included in Note 5 to the consolidated financial statements. In addition, United Community has commitments under benefit plans as described in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements.

ASSET AND LIABILITY MANAGEMENT AND MARKET RISK

Qualitative Aspects of Market Risk. The principal market risk affecting United Community is interest rate risk. United Community is subject to interest rate risk to the extent that its interest-earning assets repriced differently than its interest-bearing liabilities. Interest rate risk is defined as the sensitivity of a company's earnings and net asset values to changes in interest rates. As part of its efforts to monitor and manage the interest rate risk, the Board of Directors of Home Savings, which accounts for most of the assets and liabilities of United Community, has adopted an interest rate risk policy which requires the Home Savings Board to review quarterly reports related to interest rate risk and to set exposure limits for Home Savings as a guide to senior management in setting and implementing day to day operating strategies.

United Community is subject to minimal equity price risk because its investment in equity securities, other than stock in the FHLB of Cincinnati, is only 0.40% of total assets. United Community is not affected by foreign currency exchange rate risk or commodity price risk.

Quantitative Aspects of Market Risk. As part of its interest rate risk analysis, Home Savings uses the "net portfolio value" (NPV) methodology. Generally, NPV is the discounted present value of the difference between incoming cash flows on interest-earning and other assets and outgoing cash flows on interest-bearing and other liabilities. The application of the methodology attempts to quantify interest rate risk as the

change in the NPV and net interest income that would result from various levels of theoretical basis point changes in market interest rates.

Home Savings uses a net portfolio value and earnings simulation model prepared internally as its primary method to identify and manage its interest rate risk profile. The model is based on actual cash flows and repricing characteristics for all financial instruments and incorporates market-based assumptions regarding the impact of changing interest rates on future volumes and the prepayment rate of applicable financial instruments. Assumptions based on the historical behavior of deposit rates and balances in relation to changes in interest rates are also incorporated into the model. These assumptions are inherently uncertain and, as a result, the model cannot precisely measure NPV or net interest income or precisely predict the impact of fluctuations in interest rates on net interest rate changes as well as changes in market conditions and management strategies.

Presented below are analyses of Home Savings' interest rate risk as measured by changes in NPV and net interest income for instantaneous and sustained parallel shifts of 100 basis point increments in market interest rates. The percentage changes fall within the policy limits set by the Board of Directors of Home Savings as the minimum NPV ratio and the maximum change in interest income that the Home Savings Board of Directors deems advisable in the event of various changes in interest rates.

Year Ended December 31, 2002

Change in rates (Basis points)	Net portfolio value			NPV as % of portfolio value of assets		Next 12 months Net interest income	
	\$ Amount	\$ Change	% Change	NPV Ratio	Change in %	\$ Change	% Change
(IN THOUSANDS)							
+300	\$240,891	\$(22,216)	(8.44)%	13.57%	(0.20)%	\$(1,882)	(2.74)%
+200	255,933	(7,174)	(2.73)	14.03	0.26	(594)	(0.87)
+100	268,153	5,046	1.92	14.31	0.54	363	0.53
Static	263,107	-	-	13.77	-	-	-
(100)	220,472	(42,635)	(16.20)	11.52	(2.25)	(3,017)	(4.40)
(200)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
(300)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A—Due to a continuing low interest rate environment, it is not possible to calculate results for these scenarios.

Year Ended December 31, 2001

Change in rates (Basis points)	Net portfolio value			NPV as % of portfolio value of assets		Next 12 months Net interest income	
	\$ Amount	\$ Change	% Change	NPV Ratio	Change in %	\$ Change	% Change
(IN THOUSANDS)							
+300	\$161,540	\$(97,516)	(37.64)%	9.22%	(4.42)%	\$(12,781)	(20.68)%
+200	197,038	(62,018)	(23.94)	10.93	(2.71)	(8,487)	(13.74)
+100	230,742	(28,314)	(10.93)	12.45	(1.19)	(4,551)	(7.36)
Static	259,056	-	-	13.64	-	-	-
(100)	263,862	4,806	1.86	13.73	0.09	942	1.52
(200)	256,439	(2,617)	(1.01)	13.30	(0.34)	806	1.30
(300)	245,353	(13,703)	(5.29)	12.73	(0.91)	(720)	(1.16)

Historically, Home Savings' NPV has been more sensitive to increases in interest rates than to decreases. This sensitivity to increases in rates occurred principally because, as rates increased, borrowers were less likely to prepay fixed-rate loans than when interest rates declined, and the majority of Home Savings' loans have fixed rates of interest. With the current prolonged period of low interest rates, however, Home Savings' present NPV is more sensitive to falling rates. This increased sensitivity occurs because the frequency of prepayments on fixed-rate loans dramatically increase and the value of core deposits is greatly diminished. Although loan demand is adversely affected by rising interest rates, the resulting decline in the frequency of prepayments may increase Home Savings' NPV.

As with any method of measuring interest rate risk, certain shortcomings are inherent in the NPV approach. For example, although certain assets and liabilities may have similar maturities or periods of repricing, they may react in different degrees to changes in market interest rates. Also, the interest rates on certain types of assets and liabilities may fluctuate in advance of changes in market interest rates, while interest rates on other types may lag behind changes in market rates. Further, in the event of a change in interest rates, expected rates of prepayment on loans and early withdrawal levels from certificates of deposit may deviate significantly from those assumed in making risk calculations.

The Board of Directors and management of Home Savings believe that certain factors afford Home Savings the ability to operate successfully despite its exposure to interest rate risk. Home Savings manages its interest rate risk by maintaining capital in excess of regulatory requirements. See "Liquidity and Capital."

Potential Impact of Changes in Interest Rates. Home Savings' profitability depends to a large extent on its net interest income, which is the difference between interest income from loans and securities and interest expense on deposits and borrowings. Like most financial institutions, Home Savings' short-term interest income and interest expense are significantly affected by changes in market interest rates and other economic factors beyond its control. Home Savings' interest-earning assets consist primarily of long-term, fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgage loans and securities which adjust more slowly to changes in interest rates than its interest bearing liabilities which are primarily deposits. Accordingly, Home Savings' earnings could be adversely affected during periods of rising interest rates.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL

United Community's liquidity, primarily represented by cash and cash equivalents, is a result of its operating, investing and financing activities. These activities are summarized below for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000.

Years ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Net income	\$ 20,817	\$ 15,679	\$11,614
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash			
from operating activities	215,207	128,008	6,562
Net cash provided by operating activities	236,024	143,687	18,176
Net cash used in investing activities	(240,773)	(237,608)	(37,365)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(90,198)	253,832	(46,284)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(94,947)	159,911	(65,473)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	205,883	45,972	111,445
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$110,936	\$205,883	\$45,972

The principal sources of funds for United Community are deposits, loan repayments, maturities of securities, borrowings from financial institutions and other funds provided by operations. Home Savings also has the ability to borrow from the FHLB. While scheduled loan repayments and maturing investments are relatively predictable, deposit flows and early loan prepayments are more influenced by interest rates, general economic conditions and competition. Investments in liquid assets maintained by United Community, Home Savings and Butler Wick are based upon management's assessment of (1) need for funds, (2) expected deposit flows, (3) yields available on short-term liquid assets and (4) objectives of the asset and liability management program. At December 31, 2002, approximately \$485.5 million of Home Savings' certificates of deposit are expected to mature within one year. Based on past experience and Home Savings' prevailing pricing strategies, management believes that a substantial percentage of such certificates will be renewed with Home Savings at maturity, although there can be no assurance that this will occur.

The Board of Directors has authorized an ongoing program to purchase shares of United Community's common stock to fund employee benefit programs, stock options and award programs and other corporate purposes. These purchases can be made in the open market or negotiated transactions, from time to time, depending on market conditions. United Community acquired 529,200 shares of common stock for \$4.4 million, 1,604,126 shares of common stock for \$11.0 million and 483,500 shares of common stock for \$3.3 million during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000. United Community has remaining authorization to repurchase 1,158,832 shares as of December 31, 2002. Management intends to repurchase shares as authorized.

Home Savings is required by OTS regulations to meet certain minimum capital requirements. Current capital requirements call for tangible capital of 1.5% of adjusted tangible assets, core capital (which for Home Savings consists solely of tangible capital) of 4.0% of adjusted total assets and risk-based capital (which for Home Savings consists of core

capital and general valuation allowances) of 8% of risk-weighted assets (assets are weighted at percentage levels ranging from 0% to 100% depending on their relative risk).

The following table summarizes Home Savings' regulatory capital requirements and actual capital at December 31, 2002.

	Actual capital		Current requirement		Excess of actual capital over current requirement		Applicable asset base
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Total
(IN THOUSANDS)							
Tangible capital	\$150,821	8.05%	\$ 28,108	1.50%	\$122,713	6.55%	\$1,873,858
Core capital	150,821	8.05	74,954	4.00	75,867	4.05	1,873,858
Risk-based capital	163,419	12.61	103,656	8.00	59,763	4.61	1,295,694

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING DEVELOPMENTS

A discussion of recently issued accounting pronouncements and their impact on United Community's Consolidated Financial Statements is provided in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

MARKET PRICE AND DIVIDENDS

There were 37,802,477 common shares of United Community stock issued and 34,764,534 shares outstanding and held by approximately 12,889 record holders as of February 24, 2003. United Community's common shares are traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market(under the symbol "UCFC." Quarterly stock prices and dividends declared are shown in the following table.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
2002:				
High	\$8.13	\$9.39	\$9.15	\$8.99
Low	7.05	7.43	8.35	8.45
Close	7.40	9.36	8.85	8.65
Dividends declared and paid	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
2001:				
High	\$7.063	\$8.700	\$8.200	\$7.700
Low	6.422	6.250	6.800	6.600
Close	6.625	8.700	7.050	7.200
Dividends declared and paid	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.075

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Assets		
Cash and deposits with banks	\$ 33,178	\$ 35,587
Federal funds sold	77,758	170,296
Total cash and cash equivalents	110,936	205,883
Securities:		
Trading	5,060	8,352
Available for sale	237,268	118,150
Held to maturity (fair value 2001 - \$82,339)	-	80,496
Loans held for sale	45,825	20,192
Loans, net (including allowance for loan losses of \$15,099 and \$11,480)	1,478,213	1,406,479
Margin accounts	14,809	20,979
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	21,069	18,760
Premises and equipment	20,002	17,481
Accrued interest receivable	9,558	9,575
Real estate owned	994	477
Goodwill	33,593	19,664
Core deposit intangible	5,101	6,312
Other assets	7,703	11,980
Total assets	\$1,990,131	\$1,944,780
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits	\$1,481,901	\$ 1,383,418
Other borrowed funds	210,024	271,631
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	5,996	5,760
Accrued interest payable	1,126	2,983
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	16,515	19,108
Total liabilities	1,715,562	1,682,900
Shareholders' Equity		
Preferred stock-no par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized and unissued	-	-
Common stock-no par value; 499,000,000 shares authorized; 37,803,269 and 37,754,086 shares issued	138,207	136,903
Retained earnings	172,080	160,915
Accumulated other comprehensive income	2,363	1,402
Unearned compensation	(19,724)	(22,988)
Treasury stock, at cost, 2002 - 2,558,214 shares and 2001 - 2,086,500 shares	(18,357)	(14,352)
Total shareholders' equity	274,569	261,880
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$1,990,131	\$1,944,780

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)			
Interest income			
Loans	\$110,746	\$92,933	\$62,836
Loans held for sale	1,243	886	-
Investment securities:			
Trading	196	151	145
Available for sale	7,602	8,864	14,633
Held to maturity	3,762	6,400	8,713
Margin accounts	830	1,774	3,565
FHLB stock dividend	932	1,078	968
Other interest-earning assets	1,382	1,903	762
Total interest income	126,693	113,989	91,622
Interest expense			
Interest expense on deposits	44,933	48,011	35,394
Interest expense on other borrowed funds	9,303	9,036	8,710
Total interest expense	54,236	57,047	44,104
Net interest income	72,457	56,942	47,518
Provision for loan losses	3,578	2,495	300
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	68,879	54,447	47,218
Noninterest income			
Commissions	13,677	13,411	17,176
Service fees and other charges	8,224	7,757	5,607
Underwriting and investment banking	312	1,316	646
Net gains (losses):			
Securities available for sale	2,127	392	151
Trading securities	(651)	(869)	241
Loans sold	5,919	5,450	-
Other	(515)	37	(2)
Other income	1,980	955	935
Total noninterest income	31,073	28,449	24,754
Noninterest expenses			
Salaries and employee benefits	39,917	34,528	36,193
Gain on postretirement curtailment	-	-	(2,928)
Loss on pension termination	-	-	1,008
Occupancy	3,186	2,575	2,093
Equipment and data processing	8,309	7,378	5,807
Franchise tax	2,032	2,010	3,710
Advertising	2,167	1,938	1,924
Amortization of core deposit intangible	2,180	1,671	-
Other expenses	10,568	7,608	6,500
Total noninterest expenses	68,359	57,708	54,307
Income before income taxes	31,593	25,188	17,665
Income taxes	10,776	9,509	6,051
Net income	\$20,817	\$15,679	\$11,614
Earnings Per Share			
Basic	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.35
Diluted	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.35

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Shares Outstanding	Common Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Unearned Compensation	Treasury Stock	Total
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)							
Balance January 1, 2000	37,758	\$136,509	\$153,553	\$(3,003)	\$(30,191)	\$ -	\$256,868
Comprehensive income:							
Net income	-	-	11,614	-	-	-	11,614
Change in net unrealized gain on securities, net of taxes of \$1,565	-	-	-	2,905	-	-	2,905
Comprehensive income	-	-	11,614	2,905	-	-	14,519
Issuance of common shares for RRP	46	295	-	-	(295)	-	-
Amortization of restricted common stock compensation	-	54	-	-	1,964	-	2,018
Forfeiture of restricted common stock	(3)	(25)	-	-	25	-	-
Shares distributed by ESOP trust	-	134	-	-	1,823	-	1,957
Purchase of treasury stock	(484)	-	-	-	-	(3,322)	(3,322)
Dividends paid, \$0.30 per share	-	-	(10,141)	-	-	-	(10,141)
Balance December 31, 2000	37,317	136,967	155,026	(98)	(26,674)	(3,322)	261,899
Comprehensive income:							
Net income	-	-	15,679	-	-	-	15,679
Change in net unrealized gain on securities, net of taxes of \$808	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Comprehensive income	-	-	15,679	1,500	-	-	17,179
Amortization of restricted common stock compensation	-	62	-	-	1,622	-	1,684
Forfeiture of restricted common stock	(46)	(290)	-	-	242	-	(48)
Shares distributed by ESOP trust	-	164	-	-	1,822	-	1,986
Purchase of treasury stock	(1,604)	-	-	-	-	(11,038)	(11,038)
Reissuance of common stock	1	-	-	-	-	8	8
Dividends paid, \$0.30 per share	-	-	(9,790)	-	-	-	(9,790)
Balance December 31, 2001	35,668	136,903	160,915	1,402	(22,988)	(14,352)	261,880
Comprehensive income:							
Net income	-	-	20,817	-	-	-	20,817
Reclassification of HTM securities	-	-	-	1,704	-	-	1,704
Change in net unrealized gain (loss) on securities, net of taxes of \$517	-	-	-	(743)	-	-	(743)
Comprehensive income	-	-	20,817	961	-	-	21,778
Issuance of common shares for RRP	70	592	-	-	(592)	-	-
Amortization of restricted common stock compensation	-	215	-	-	1,947	-	2,162
Forfeiture of restricted common stock	(21)	(128)	-	-	87	-	(41)
Shares distributed by ESOP trust	-	625	-	-	1,822	-	2,447
Purchase of treasury stock	(529)	-	-	-	-	(4,386)	(4,386)
Reissuance of common stock	57	-	(16)	-	-	381	363
Dividends paid, \$0.30 per share	-	-	(9,636)	-	-	-	(9,636)
Balance December 31, 2002	35,245	\$138,207	\$172,080	\$ 2,363	\$(19,724)	\$(18,357)	\$274,569

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net income	\$ 20,817	\$ 15,679	\$ 11,614
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Provision for loan loss allowances	3,578	2,495	300
Loss on pension termination	-	-	1,008
Gain on postretirement curtailment	-	-	(2,928)
Net gains	(7,517)	(5,895)	(149)
Accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums	2,119	(2,095)	(447)
Depreciation	2,948	2,223	1,573
FHLB stock dividends	(932)	(1,078)	(968)
Decrease in interest receivable	784	621	646
Decrease in interest payable	(1,951)	(734)	(1,235)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	3,827	(4,620)	(907)
(Decrease) increase in other liabilities	(7,758)	3,419	4,580
Decrease (increase) in trading securities	3,292	(2,419)	1,724
Amortization of restricted stock compensation	2,121	1,636	2,018
Decrease (increase) in margin accounts	6,170	12,382	(610)
Increase in loans held for sale	(25,633)	(20,192)	-
Proceeds from sale of loans held for sale	231,712	140,279	-
ESOP compensation	2,447	1,986	1,957
Net cash provided by operating activities	236,024	143,687	18,176
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from principal repayments and maturities of:			
Securities available for sale	82,821	107,001	101,096
Securities held to maturity	25,679	28,685	27,411
Proceeds from sale of:			
Securities available for sale	45,095	22,435	27,893
Securities held to maturity	932	1,454	3,757
Loans	112,620	42,805	-
Fixed assets	27	-	-
Real estate owned	1,379	839	-
Purchases of:			
Securities available for sale	(187,143)	(42,890)	(39,407)
Securities held to maturity	(999)	(2,082)	(476)
Net cash paid for acquisition	(13,729)	(69,844)	-
Net principal disbursed on loans	(276,218)	(312,206)	(141,391)
Loans purchased	(27,335)	(11,036)	(12,274)
Purchases of premises and equipment	(3,902)	(2,769)	(4,262)
Other	-	-	288
Net cash used in investing activities	(240,773)	(237,608)	(37,365)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Net increase (decrease) in NOW, savings and money market accounts	50,574	97,277	(16,114)
Net (decrease) increase in certificates of deposit	(63,816)	70,050	82,440
Net increase in advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	1	319	114
Proceeds from FHLB advances and other long term debt	26,239	193,000	-
Repayment of FHLB advances and other long term debt	(70,051)	(20,000)	-
Net decrease in other borrowed funds	(19,488)	(65,994)	(99,261)
Dividends paid	(9,636)	(9,790)	(10,141)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	365	8	-
Purchase of treasury stock	(4,386)	(11,038)	(3,322)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(90,198)	253,832	(46,284)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(94,947)	159,911	(65,473)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	205,883	45,972	111,445
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$110,936	\$205,883	\$ 45,972

notes to consolidated financial statements

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of United Community Financial Corp. (United Community), a unitary savings and loan holding company, The Home Savings and Loan Company of Youngstown, Ohio (Home Savings), an Ohio chartered savings and loan company, and Butler Wick Corp. (Butler Wick), an investment brokerage firm, conform to generally accepted accounting principles and prevailing practices within the banking, thrift and brokerage industries. A summary of the more significant accounting policies follows.

Nature of Operations. United Community was incorporated under Ohio law in February 1998 by Home Savings in connection with the conversion of Home Savings from an Ohio mutual savings and loan association to an Ohio capital stock savings and loan association (Conversion). Upon consummation of the Conversion on July 8, 1998, United Community became the unitary savings and loan holding company for Home Savings. The business of Home Savings is providing consumer and business banking service to its market area in northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. At the end of 2002, Home Savings was doing business through 34 full-service banking branches and 4 loan production offices. Loans and deposits are primarily generated from the areas where banking branches are located. Home Savings derives its income predominantly from interest on loans, securities, and to a lesser extent, noninterest income. Home Savings' principal expenses are interest paid on deposits and normal operating costs. Home Savings' operations are principally in the savings and loan industry. Consistent with internal reporting Home Savings' operations are reported in one operating segment, which is retail banking. On August 12, 1999, United Community acquired Butler Wick, the parent company for three wholly owned subsidiaries: Butler Wick & Co., Inc., Butler Wick Asset Management Company and Butler Wick Trust Company. Butler Wick has 12 office locations providing a full range of investment alternatives for individuals, companies and not-for-profit organizations throughout northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Butler Wick's operations are reported in a separate operating segment, which is investment advisory services.

Basis of Presentation. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of United Community and its subsidiaries. All material inter-company transactions have been eliminated. Certain prior period data has been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions based on available information. These estimates and assumptions affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the disclosures provided, and future

results could differ. The allowance for loan losses, fair values of financial instruments, fair value of servicing rights, impairment of goodwill and core deposit intangible and status of contingencies are particularly subject to change.

Securities. Securities are classified as available for sale, held to maturity or trading upon their acquisition. Securities are classified as available for sale when they might be sold before maturity. Securities available for sale are carried at estimated fair value with the unrealized holding gain or loss reported in other comprehensive income. Securities are classified as held to maturity and carried at amortized cost when management has the positive intent and ability to hold them to maturity. Securities classified as trading are carried at estimated fair market value with the unrealized holding gains and losses included in income. Other securities such as Federal Home Loan Bank stock are carried at cost. Securities are written down to fair value when a decline in fair value is not temporary.

Loans. Loans that management has the intent and ability to hold for the foreseeable future or until maturity or payoff are reported at their outstanding unpaid principal balances. For balance sheet presentation, the balances are presented net of unearned interest, deferred fees or costs and allowance for loan losses. Loans held for sale are reported at the lower of cost or market, on an aggregate basis.

Interest income is reported on the interest method and includes amortization of net deferred loan fees and costs over the loan term. Interest income on mortgage and commercial loans is discontinued at the time the loan is 90 days delinquent unless the credit is well secured and in process of collection. Consumer loans are typically charged off no later than 180 days past due. In all cases, loans are placed on nonaccrual or charged-off at an earlier date if collection of principal or interest is considered doubtful.

All interest accrued but not received for loans placed on nonaccrual is reversed against interest income. Interest received on such loans is accounted for on the cash-basis or cost-recovery method, until qualifying for return to accrual. Loans are returned to accrual status when all the principal and interest amounts contractually due are brought current and future payments are reasonably assured.

Allowance for Loan Losses. The allowance for loan losses is a valuation allowance for probable incurred credit losses, increased by the provision for loan losses and decreased by charge-offs less recoveries. Management's determination of the adequacy of the allowance is based upon estimates derived from an analysis of individual credits, prior and current loss experience, loan portfolio delinquency levels, the nature and volume of the loan portfolio, current economic conditions and other factors. Allocations of the allowance may be made for specific loans, but

the entire allowance is available for any loan that, in management's judgment, should be charged-off. Loan losses are charged against the allowance when management believes the uncollectibility of a loan balance is confirmed.

A loan is impaired when full payment under the loan terms is not expected. Commercial and commercial real estate loans are individually evaluated for impairment. If a loan is impaired, a portion of the allowance is allocated so that the loan is reported, net, at the present value of estimated future cash flows using the loan's existing rate or at the fair value of collateral if repayment is expected solely from the collateral. Large groups of smaller balance homogenous loans, such as consumer and residential real estate loans, are collectively evaluated for impairment, and accordingly, they are not separately identified for impairment disclosures.

Premises and Equipment. Premises and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the useful lives, ranging from 3 years to 31 1/2 years, (or term of the lease, if shorter) of the related assets.

Real Estate Owned. Real estate owned, including property acquired in settlement of foreclosed loans, is carried at the lower of cost or estimated fair value less estimated cost to sell after foreclosure, establishing a new cost basis. If fair value declines, a valuation allowance is recorded through expense. Costs relating to the development and improvement of real estate owned are capitalized, whereas costs relating to holding and maintaining the property are charged to expense.

Servicing Assets. Servicing assets represent the allocated value of retained servicing rights on loans sold or securitized. Servicing assets are expensed in proportion to, and over the period of, estimated net servicing revenues. Impairment is evaluated based on the fair value of the assets, using groupings of the underlying loans as to interest rates and, secondarily, as to prepayment characteristics. Fair value is determined using prices for similar assets with similar characteristics, when available, or based upon discounted cash flows using market-based assumptions. Any impairment of a grouping is reported as a valuation allowance.

Intangibles. Purchased intangibles, primarily goodwill and core deposit value, are recorded at cost. Core deposit value is amortized over the estimated life. Goodwill is evaluated for impairment on a periodic basis.

Long-term Assets. Premises and equipment and other long-term assets are reviewed for impairment when events indicate their carrying amounts may not be recoverable from future undiscounted cash flows. If impaired, the assets are recorded at fair value.

Securitizations. Some financial assets are transferred from time to time to a third party in exchange for ownership of a security based on those loans. Such transfers are recorded as a sale when control has been relinquished, with a gain or loss recorded on the sale. The gain or loss is calculated based on the cash received versus the carrying value of the assets transferred. If some interests, such as servicing assets and cash reserve accounts, are retained, the carrying value of all assets sold and retained is allocated to each asset based on fair value at sale date. Fair values are based on market quotes or on the present value of future expected cash flows using estimates of credit losses, prepayment rates, interest rates, and discount rates.

Loan Fees. Loan origination fees received for loans, net of direct origination costs, are deferred and amortized to interest income over the contractual lives of the loans using the level yield method. Fees received for loan commitments that are expected to be drawn, based on Home Savings' experience with similar commitments, are deferred and amortized over the lives of the loans using the level yield method. Fees for other loan commitments are deferred and amortized over the loan commitment period on a straight-line basis. Unamortized deferred loan fees or costs related to loans paid off are included in income. Unamortized net fees or costs on loans sold are included in the basis of the loans in calculating gains and losses. Amortization of net deferred fees is discontinued for loans that are deemed to be nonperforming.

Stock Compensation. Employee compensation expense under stock option plans is reported if options are granted below market price at grant date. Pro forma disclosures of net income and earnings per share are shown using the fair value method of SFAS No. 123 to measure expense for options granted after 1994, using an option pricing model to estimate fair value.

Employee compensation expense under stock options is reported using the intrinsic value method. No stock-based compensation cost is reflected in net income, as all options granted had an exercise price equal to or greater than the market price of the underlying common stock at date of grant. The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if expense was measured using the fair value recognition provisions of FASB Statement No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation.

	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Net income as reported	\$20,817	\$15,679	\$11,614
Deduct: Stock-based compensation expense			
Determined under fair value method	1,411	1,011	1,336
Pro Forma net income	19,406	14,668	10,278
Basic earnings per share as reported	0.65	0.49	0.35
Pro Forma basic earnings per share	0.61	0.46	0.31
Diluted earnings per share as reported	0.65	0.48	0.35
Pro forma diluted earnings per share	0.61	0.45	0.31

The pro forma effects are computed using option pricing models, using the following weighted-average assumptions as of grant date.

	2002	2001	2000
Dividend yield	4.00%	4.59%	2.47%
Expected stock price volatility	38.31%	33.63%	89.26%
Risk-free interest rate	5.01%	5.08%	6.62%
Expected option life (In years)	10	10	10

Income Taxes. The provision for federal income taxes is based upon earnings reported for financial statement purposes rather than amounts reported on United Community's income tax returns. Deferred income taxes, which result from temporary differences in the recognition of income and expense for financial statement and tax return purposes, are included in the calculation of income tax expense. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in income tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recorded annually for differences between financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities that will result in taxable or deductible amounts in the future based on enacted tax laws and rates applicable to periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. Valuation allowances are established, based on the weight of available evidence, when it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Income tax expense is the tax payable or refundable for the period adjusted for the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan. The cost of shares issued to the ESOP, but not yet allocated to participants, is shown as a reduction of shareholders' equity. Compensation expense is based on the market price of shares as they are committed to be released to participant accounts. Dividends on allocated ESOP shares reduce retained earnings; dividends on unearned ESOP shares reduce debt and accrued interest.

Earnings Per Share. Basic Earnings Per Share (EPS) are based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted EPS are based on the weighted average number of common shares and common share equivalents outstanding during the year. See further discussion at Note 20.

Statements of Cash Flows. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, United Community considers all highly liquid investments with a term of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Net cash flows are reported for loan and deposit transactions.

Loss Contingencies. Loss contingencies, including claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business, are recorded as liabilities when the likelihood of loss is probable and an amount or range of loss can be reasonably estimated. Management does not believe there now are such matters that will have a material effect on the financial statements.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments. Fair values of financial instruments are estimated using relevant market information and other assumptions, as more fully disclosed in Note 16. Fair value estimates involve uncertainties and matters of significant judgement regarding interest rates, credit risk, prepayments, and other factors, especially in the absence of broad markets for particular items. Changes in assumptions or in market conditions could significantly affect the estimates.

Comprehensive Income. Comprehensive income consists of net income and other comprehensive income. Other comprehensive income includes unrealized gains and losses on securities available for sale, which are also recognized as separate components of equity.

Newly Issued But Not Yet Effective Accounting Standards. New accounting standards on asset retirement obligation, restructuring activities and exit costs and operating leases were issued in 2002. Management determined that when the new accounting standards are adopted in 2003 they will not have a material impact on United Community's financial condition or results of operations.

Execution, Settlement and Financing of Securities Transactions. In the normal course of business, Butler Wick's activities involve the execution, settlement, and financing of various securities transactions. These activities may expose Butler Wick to risk in the event the customer is unable to fulfill its contractual obligations. Butler Wick maintains cash and margin accounts for its customers located primarily in northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

Butler Wick's customer securities activities are transacted on either a cash or margin basis. In margin transactions, Butler Wick extends credit to its customers, subject to various regulatory and internal margin requirements, collateralized by cash and securities in customer's accounts. In connection with these activities, Butler Wick executes and clears customer transactions involving the sale of securities not yet purchased, substantially all of which are transacted on a margin basis subject to individual exchange regulations. Such transactions may expose Butler Wick to significant off-balance-sheet risk in the event margin requirements are not sufficient to fully cover losses that customers may incur. In the event the customer fails to satisfy its obligations, Butler Wick may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices to fulfill the customer's obligations. Butler Wick seeks to control the risks associated with its customers' activities by requiring customers to maintain margin collateral in compliance with various regulatory and internal guidelines. Butler Wick monitors required margin levels daily and, pursuant to such guidelines, requires the customer to deposit additional collateral or to reduce positions when necessary.

Butler Wick's customer financing and securities settlement activities require Butler Wick to pledge customer securities as collateral in support of various secured financing sources such as bank loans and securities loaned. In the event the counterparty is unable to meet its contractual obligation to return customer securities pledged as collateral,

Butler Wick may be exposed to the risk of acquiring the securities at prevailing market prices in order to satisfy its customer obligations. Butler Wick controls this risk by monitoring the market value of securities pledged on a daily basis and by requiring adjustments of collateral levels in the event of excess market exposure. In addition, Butler Wick establishes credit limits for such activities and monitors compliance on a daily basis.

As a securities broker and dealer, a substantial portion of Butler Wick's transactions are collateralized. Butler Wick's exposure to credit risk associated with nonperformance in fulfilling contractual obligations pursuant to securities transaction can be directly impacted by volatile trading markets, which may impair the customer's ability to satisfy its obligations to Butler Wick.

Off Balance Sheet Financial Instruments. Financial instruments include off-balance sheet credit instruments, such as commitments to make loans and standby letters of credit, issued to meet customer financing needs. The face amount for these items represents the exposure to loss, before considering customer collateral or ability to repay. Such financial instruments are recorded when they are funded.

Early Extinguishment of Debt. In April 2002, FASB issued SFAS No. 145, "Rescission of FASB Statements No. 4, 44 and 64, Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections," which address the accounting for early extinguishment of debt. Upon adopting this Statement, any gains or losses from the early extinguishment of debt that do not meet specific criteria for classification as an extraordinary item are no longer classified as an extraordinary item and should be reclassified. United Community adopted this statement April 1, 2002 and has subsequently reclassified the loss on early extinguishment of debt, previously recognized as an extraordinary item, as an ordinary expense.

Reclassifications. Some items in the prior year financial statements were reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

2. ACQUISITIONS

On April 1, 2002, United Community acquired all of the capital stock of Potters Financial Corporation, the holding company for Potters Bank, an Ohio-chartered state savings bank. Potters Bank was merged into Home Savings. The assets acquired consisted principally of loans and securities.

United Community accounted for the acquisition as a purchase and has included Potters' results of operations from the effective date of the acquisition in its 2002 financial statements. Based on Potters 991,546 outstanding shares, the acquisition was valued at \$23.6 million, which was paid in cash. The excess of the aggregate purchase price over the fair market value of net assets acquired, or goodwill, was approximately \$11.7 million. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, goodwill is not amortized, but instead is evaluated for impairment. The core deposit intangible is subject to amortization on an accelerated basis over an estimated life of 20 years. Because the merger was structured as a tax free exchange, none of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

Management believes the acquisition of Potters helped accomplish its strategic goal of geographic expansion by strengthening Home Savings presence in Columbiana County in Ohio and by giving it a presence in Pennsylvania. Home Savings will be able to enhance the ability to compete in these key markets by offering a new array of products, such as Internet banking, to Potters' customers.

The following table summarizes the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	At April 1, 2002
(IN THOUSANDS)	
Cash and securities	\$ 11,474
Loans, net	112,071
Premises and equipment	1,787
Goodwill	11,719
Core deposit intangible	968
Other assets	1,552
Total assets acquired	\$139,571
Deposits	\$113,791
Other borrowed funds	2,000
Other liabilities	1,534
Total liabilities assumed	\$117,325
Net assets acquired	\$ 22,246

The following summarized unaudited pro forma financial information for the periods ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 assumes the Potters Financial Corporation acquisition occurred as of January 1, 2001:

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)		
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	\$67,200	\$57,237
Net income	22,050	15,200
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.47

Pro forma excludes acquisition related charges.

On July 1, 2001, United Community acquired all of the capital stock of Industrial Bancorp, Inc., the holding company for The Industrial Savings and Loan Association (Industrial Savings), an Ohio-chartered savings and loan association, through the merger of Home Savings' subsidiary, UCFC Acquisition Subsidiary, Inc. into Industrial Bancorp, Inc. Industrial Savings was then merged into Home Savings. The assets acquired consisted principally of loans and securities.

United Community accounted for the acquisition as a purchase and has included Industrial Bancorp's results of operations from the effective date of the acquisition in its 2001 financial statements. Based on Industrial Bancorp's 4,284,751 outstanding shares, the acquisition was valued at \$87.3 million, which was paid in cash. The excess of the aggregate purchase price over the fair market value of net assets acquired, or goodwill, was approximately \$21.9 million. In accordance with SFAS No. 142, goodwill is not amortized, but instead is evaluated for impairment. The core deposit intangible is subject to amortization on an accelerated basis over an estimated life of 15 years. Because the merger was structured as a tax free exchange, none of the goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes.

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Federal Reserve Board regulations require depository institutions to maintain certain minimum reserve balances. These reserves, which consisted of vault cash and deposits at the Federal Reserve Bank, totaled approximately \$14.7 million and \$15.5 million at December 31, 2002 and 2001.

4. SECURITIES

The components of securities are as follows:

December 31, 2002	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Available for Sale			
U.S. Treasury and			
agency securities	\$ 52,967	\$ 495	-
Corporate notes	17,592	253	-
Tax exempt municipals	13	2	-
Equity securities	7,994	526	384
Mortgage-related securities	158,702	2,789	46
Total investment securities	\$237,268	\$4,065	\$430

December 31, 2001	Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Carrying Amount
(IN THOUSANDS)				
Available for Sale				
U.S. Treasury and				
agency securities	\$25,160	\$ 488	\$ 20	
Corporate notes	14,093	288	-	
Equity securities	11,828	496	131	
Mortgage-related securities	67,069	1,082	46	
Total securities available for sale	118,150	2,354	197	
Held to Maturity				
U.S. Treasury and				
agency securities	\$ 1,695	18	21	\$ 1,698
Mortgage-related securities	80,644	1,937	91	78,798
Total securities held to maturity	\$82,339	\$1,955	\$112	\$80,496

The weighted average interest rate on marketable securities was 3.47% and 5.28% at December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The corporate notes consist primarily of medium-term notes issued by corporations with investment grade ratings.

Securities available for sale by contractual maturity, repricing or expected call date are shown below:

December 31, 2002	Fair Value
(IN THOUSANDS)	
Due in one year or less	\$ 51,399
Due after one year through five years	19,173
Mortgage-related securities	158,702
Total	\$229,274

Equity securities do not have a contractual maturity.

During the fourth quarter 2002, Untied Community transferred securities with a carrying value of \$54.6 million previously classified as held to maturity to available for sale. The unrealized gain on the securities transferred totaled \$2.6 million. Management transferred these securities to provide more flexibility in managing interest rate risk. Future security purchases will all be classified as available for sale.

Sales of available for sale securities were as follows:

	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Proceeds	\$46,027	\$23,889	\$31,650
Gross gains	2,127	442	234
Gross losses	-	50	83

Securities pledged for public funds deposits were approximately \$35.3 million and \$52.1 million at December 31, 2002 and 2001, respectively.

United Community's trading securities consist of commercial paper, government obligations and an investment in mutual funds for the Butler Wick Retention Plan.

5. LOANS

Loans consist of the following:

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Real Estate:		
Permanent:		
One- to four-family	\$ 889,199	\$ 984,141
Multifamily	79,760	60,691
Nonresidential	236,581	153,368
Land	5,812	11,432
Construction:		
One- to four-family	122,234	115,853
Multifamily and nonresidential	35,600	26,883
Total real estate	1,369,186	1,352,368
Consumer	155,520	110,749
Commercial	58,639	39,226
Total loans	1,583,345	1,502,343
Less:		
Loans in process	85,340	77,493
Allowance for loan losses	15,099	11,480
Deferred loan fees (expenses), net	4,693	6,891
Total	105,132	95,864
Loans, net	\$1,478,213	\$1,406,479

Loans with adjustable rates included above totaled \$533.3 million and \$387.4 million at December 31, 2002 and 2001. Substantially all such loans have contractual interest rates that increase or decrease at periodic intervals no greater than three years, or have original terms to maturity of three years or less. Adjustable-rate loans reprice primarily based upon U.S. Treasury security rates.

Nonresidential real estate loans are typically collateralized by the property. Commercial loans are collateralized by accounts receivable, inventory and other assets used in the borrowers' business. Substantially all of the consumer loans, including consumer lines of credit, are secured by equity in the borrowers' residence.

At December 31, 2002 and 2001, loans serviced for the benefit of others, not included in the detail above, totaled \$386.4 million and \$178.9 million.

Loan commitments are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments extend over various periods of time with the majority of such commitments disbursed within a sixty-day period. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Commitments to extend credit at fixed rates expose Home Savings to some degree of interest rate risk. Home Savings evaluates each customer's creditworthiness on a case-by-case basis. The type or amount of collateral obtained varies and is based on management's credit evaluation of the potential borrower. Home Savings normally has a number of outstanding commitments to extend credit. At December 31, 2002, there were outstanding commitments to originate \$16.0 million of fixed-rate mortgage loans and other loans (with interest rates that ranged from 4.50% to 7.75%), \$12.0 million of adjustable-rate loans, and \$135,000 of commercial loans. Terms of the commitments extend up to six months, but are generally less than two months.

At December 31, 2002, there were also outstanding unfunded consumer lines of credit of \$67.2 million, which are adjustable-rate based on the one-year U.S. Treasury index, and commercial lines of credit of \$63.2 million, which are adjustable-rate based on the prime lending index. Generally, all lines of credit are renewable on an annual basis. Home Savings does not expect all of these lines to be used by the borrowers.

At December 31, 2002, there were \$8.7 million of outstanding stand-by letters of credit. These are issued to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Stand-by letters of credit are generally contingent upon the failure of the customer to perform according to the terms of an underlying contract with the third party.

Home Savings' business activity is principally with customers located in Ohio. Except for residential loans in Home Savings' market area, Home Savings has no other significant concentrations of credit risk.

Allowance for Loan Losses. Changes in the allowance for loan losses are as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Balance, beginning of year	\$11,480	\$ 6,553	\$6,405
Acquired from Industrial Bancorp	-	2,795	-
Acquired from Potters Financial Corp.	1,869	-	-
Provision for loan losses	3,578	2,495	300
Amounts charged off	(1,967)	(395)	(201)
Recoveries	139	32	49
Balance, end of year	\$15,099	\$11,480	\$6,553

Nonperforming loans (loans 90 days past due and restructured loans) were \$15.7 million, \$12.5 million, and \$9.7 million at December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000.

As of or for the Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Impaired loans on which no specific valuation allowance was provided	\$2,365	\$1,718
Impaired loans on which specific valuation allowance was provided	4,032	1,169
Total impaired loans at year-end	6,397	2,887
Specific valuation allowances on impaired loans at year-end	2,122	751
Average impaired loans during year	5,652	1,953
Interest income recognized on impaired loans during the year	177	163
Interest income received on impaired loans during the year	128	145
Interest income potential based on original contract terms of impaired loans	502	190

Nonperforming and impaired loans are defined differently. Some loans may be included in both categories, whereas other loans may only be included in one category.

Directors and officers of United Community, Home Savings and Butler Wick are customers of Home Savings in the ordinary course of business. Loans to directors and officers have terms consistent with those offered to other customers. The following describes loans to officers or directors of United Community, Home Savings and Butler Wick:

(IN THOUSANDS)	
Balance as of December 31, 2001	\$1,336
New loans to officers and directors	615
Loan payments during 2002	413
Reductions due to changes in board or officer memberships	63
Balance as of December 31, 2002	\$1,475

6. MORTGAGE BANKING ACTIVITIES

During 2001, Home Savings became active in the secondary market. Mortgage loans serviced for others, which are not reported in other assets, totaled \$386.4 million and \$178.9 million at December 31, 2002 and 2001.

Activity for capitalized mortgage servicing rights, included in other assets, was as follows:

	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Balance, beginning of year	\$1,605	\$ -
Additions	2,979	1,322
Acquired from Industrial Bancorp	-	509
Amortized to expense	(1,003)	(204)
Balance, end of year	\$3,603	\$1,627

Activity in the valuation allowance for mortgage servicing rights was as follows:

	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ (22)	\$ -
Additions	(100)	(22)
Recoveries	122	-
Balance, end of year	\$ -	\$ (22)

7. SECURITIZATIONS

Home Savings sold \$107.9 million and \$110.6 million in residential mortgage loans in securitization transactions in 2002 and 2001, respectively. The securities received in these transactions were then immediately sold. Gains of \$4.6 million and \$2.0 million were recorded on the sales. Home Savings retained servicing responsibilities for the loans, for which it receives servicing fees approximating 0.25% of the outstanding balance of the loans.

For the loans securitized in 2001, approximately \$16.5 million of the loans had loan to value ratios greater than 80% and did not have mortgage insurance on the delivery date. These loans were sold with recourse to Home Savings. This recourse will terminate for each loan when that loan remains current for a period of 12 consecutive scheduled monthly payments from the date of the last delinquency. As of December 31, 2002, approximately \$767,000 of these loans were still covered by the recourse obligation.

In addition, approximately \$63.7 million of the loans sold in 2001 did not comply with the title insurance or attorney opinion of title requirements of the purchaser. Home Savings has agreed to indemnify the purchaser in the event of any default, loss or delay in enforcement that arises as a result of the failure to comply with the title insurance or attorney opinion of title requirements. As of December 31, 2002, approximately \$41.8 million of these loans were still covered by the indemnity agreement.

Approximately \$205,000 in loans are included in both the recourse and indemnity agreements as of December 31, 2002.

For the loans securitized in 2002, approximately \$33.9 million of the loans had loan to value ratios greater than 80% and did not have enough mortgage insurance on the delivery date. These loans were sold with

recourse to Home Savings. This recourse will terminate for each loan on June 30, 2004, provided that on that date, the loan is not thirty days or more delinquent. If this criteria is not met, the recourse obligation on that loan will continue until such time as the loan becomes and remains current for a period of twelve consecutive scheduled monthly payments from the date of the last delinquency. Home Savings reduced the recorded gain from the securitization by the fair value of the recourse obligation. As of December 31, 2002, approximately \$29.9 million of these loans were still covered by the recourse obligation.

During 2002 and 2001, Home Savings securitized one-to-four family residential mortgage loans and retained the rights to service those loans. An analysis of the activity in securitizations serviced by Home Savings during 2002 follows:

(IN THOUSANDS)	
Balance at January 1, 2002:	
Principal balance of loans	\$102,487
Amortized cost of servicing rights	929
Servicing rights as a % of principal	0.91%
New securitizations during the year:	
Principal balance of loans	107,897
Fair value of servicing rights	1,215
Servicing rights as a % of principal	1.13%
Principal payments received on loans securitized	53,389
Balance at December 31, 2002:	
Principal balance of loans	\$156,995
Amortized cost of servicing rights	1,350
Servicing rights as a % of principal	0.86%
Other information at end of period	
Weighted average rate	6.99%
Weighted average maturity in months	240
Fair value assumptions	
Discount rate	8.00%
Weighted average prepayment assumptions	249PSA
Anticipated delinquency	1.00%

Cash flows from all securitizations of mortgage loans were as follows in 2002:

(IN THOUSANDS)	
Securitization proceeds	\$108,895
Servicing fees received	356

In the securitization transaction, the company retained residual interest in the form of servicing assets. The servicing assets represent the allocated value of retained servicing rights on the loans securitized. The following table indicates how fair value might decline if the assumptions change unfavorably in two different magnitudes:

(IN THOUSANDS)	
Fair value at December 31, 2002	\$1,427
Weighted average life (in months)	74
Projected fair value based on:	
Increase in PSA of 50	1,307
Increase in PSA of 100	1,208

The effect of adverse changes is hypothetical and should not be extrapolated to other changes, as the effects are not linear.

An analysis of the activity in securitizations serviced by Home Savings during 2001 follows:

(IN THOUSANDS)

Balance at January 1, 2001:	
Principal balance of loans	\$ -
Amortized cost of servicing rights	-
Servicing rights as a % of principal	-
New securitizations during the year:	
Principal balance of loans	110,619
Fair value of servicing rights	1,012
Servicing rights as a % of principal	0.91%
Principal payments received on loans collateralized	8,132
Balance at December 31, 2001:	
Principal balance of loans	\$102,487
Amortized cost of servicing rights	929
Servicing rights as a % of principal	0.91%
Other information at end of period	
Weighted average rate	7.14%
Weighted average maturity in months	244
Fair value assumptions	
Discount rate	8.00%
Weighted average prepayment assumptions	229 _{PSA}
Anticipated delinquency	1.00%

Cash flows from all securitizations of mortgage loans were as follows in 2001:

(IN THOUSANDS)

Securitization proceeds	\$114,041
Servicing fees received	44

In the securitization transaction, the company retained residual interest in the form of servicing assets totaling \$1.0 million. The servicing assets represent the allocated value of retained servicing rights on the loans securitized. The following table indicates how fair value might decline if the assumptions change unfavorably in two different magnitudes:

Fair value at December 31, 2001	\$929
Weighted average life (in months)	82
Projected fair value based on:	
Increase in PSA of 50	882
Increase in PSA of 100	839

The effect of adverse changes is hypothetical and should not be extrapolated to other changes, as the effects are not linear.

8. PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT

Premises and equipment consist of the following:

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Land and improvements	\$ 4,898	\$ 4,180
Buildings	14,590	16,033
Leasehold improvements	1,106	1,208
Furniture and equipment	14,557	14,042
	35,151	35,463
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	15,149	17,982
Total	\$20,002	\$17,481

Rent expense was \$334,000 for 2002, \$212,000 for 2001 and \$135,000 for 2000. Rent commitments under noncancelable operating leases for offices were as follows, before considering renewal options that generally are present.

(IN THOUSANDS)

2003	\$298
2004	307
2005	311
2006	322
2007	329
Thereafter	335
Total	\$1,902

9. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill. The change in the carrying amount of goodwill for the year is as follows:

(IN THOUSANDS)

Balance as of June 30, 2001	\$ -
Goodwill acquired during the period	19,664
Balance as of December 31, 2001	19,664
Goodwill acquired during the period	13,929
Balance as of December 31, 2002	\$33,593

Acquired Intangible Assets

As of December 31,	2002		2001	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
(IN THOUSANDS)				
Amortized intangible assets:				
Core deposit intangibles	\$8,952	\$3,851	\$7,983	\$1,671
Total	\$8,952	\$3,851	\$7,983	\$1,671
Aggregate amortization expense:				
For the year ended				
December 31, 2001			\$1,671	
For the year ended				
December 31, 2002	\$2,180			
Estimated amortization expense:				
For the year ended				
December 31, 2003	\$1,314			
December 31, 2004	899			
December 31, 2005	666			
December 31, 2006	512			
December 31, 2007	400			
December 31, 2008	313			

10. DEPOSITS

Deposits consist of the following:

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Checking accounts:		
Interest-bearing	\$ 110,657	\$ 106,631
Noninterest-bearing	56,452	36,176
Savings accounts	302,276	257,417
Money market accounts	194,173	151,251
Certificates of deposit	818,343	831,943
Total deposits	\$1,481,901	\$1,383,418

Interest expense on deposits is summarized as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Interest-bearing demand deposits	\$ 5,319	\$ 5,446	\$ 4,166
Savings accounts	4,946	5,212	5,272
Certificates of deposit	34,668	37,353	25,956
Total	\$44,933	\$48,011	\$35,394

A summary of certificates of deposit by maturity follows:

December 31,	2002
(IN THOUSANDS)	
Within 12 months	\$485,479
12 months to 24 months	131,975
24 months to 36 months	94,558
36 months to 48 months	18,374
Over 48 months	87,957
Total	\$818,343

A summary of certificates of deposit with balances of \$100,000 or more by maturity is as follows:

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Three months or less	\$ 36,778	\$ 32,987
Over three months to six months	34,551	20,492
Over six months to twelve months	30,642	59,432
Over twelve months	65,748	52,917
Total	\$167,719	\$165,828

Deposits in excess of \$100,000 are not federally insured. Home Savings did not have brokered deposits for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

11. OTHER BORROWED FUNDS

The following is a summary of other short-term borrowings:

December 31,	2002		2001	
	Amount	Weighted average rate	Amount	Weighted average rate
(IN THOUSANDS)				
Variable interest				
revolving line				
of credit	\$11,221	1.05%	\$19,326	1.85%
Securities sold				
under repurchase				
agreement	14,614	1.56%	23,998	2.83%
Transaction loans;				
30 year amortization;				
15 year balloon	1,217	7.43%	-	-
Total	\$27,052		\$43,324	

The following is a summary of FHLB borrowings:

December 31,	2002		2001	
Year of Maturity	Amount	Weighted average rate	Amount	Weighted average rate
(IN THOUSANDS)				
2002	\$ -	-%	\$ 35,157	4.63%
2003	10,893	4.44	20,150	4.69
2004	18,742	4.73	43,000	4.56
2005	18,615	5.14	18,000	5.19
2006	118,509	4.66	112,000	4.73
2007	14,421	3.75	-	-
Thereafter	1,792	3.70	-	-
Total	\$182,972		\$228,307	
Total borrowings	\$210,024		\$271,631	

Home Savings has available credit with the FHLB of \$681.7 million, of which \$183.0 million was used at December 31, 2002. All advances from the FHLB of Cincinnati are secured by a blanket mortgage collateral agreement for 125% of outstanding advances, amounting to \$228.8 million at December 31, 2002. Butler Wick has a revolving line of credit, which is fully collateralized by securities valued at \$6.6 million and \$4.7 million at December 31, 2002 and 2001. Securities worth \$22.3 million are being held at the Federal Reserve Bank as collateral for a repurchase agreement as of December 31, 2002.

During 2002, United Community incurred approximately \$1.3 million in costs associated with the early extinguishment of debt with FHLB. Management established that it was advantageous to extinguish debt early and incur the associated fees due to the current economic conditions and cash inflows from loans sold.

12. INCOME TAXES

The provision for income taxes consists of the following components:

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Current	\$11,986	\$7,374	\$5,673
Deferred	(1,210)	2,135	378
Total	\$10,776	\$9,509	\$6,051

A reconciliation from tax at the statutory rate to the income tax provision is as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	2002		2001		2000	
	Dollars	Rate	Dollars	Rate	Dollars	Rate
(IN THOUSANDS)						
Tax at						
statutory rate	\$11,057	35.0%	\$8,816	35.0%	\$6,183	35.0%
Increase (decrease)						
due to:						
Intangible						
amortization	-	-	585	2.3	-	-
Change in						
valuation						
allowance	(400)	(1.3)	-	-	-	-
State taxes	(11)	(-)	(29)	(0.1)	140	0.8
Other	130	0.4	137	0.6	(272)	(1.5)
Income tax						
provision	\$10,776	34.1%	\$9,509	37.8%	\$6,051	34.3%

Significant components of the deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows. A valuation allowance has been established as discussed below:

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Deferred tax assets:		
Charitable contribution	\$ 394	\$ 1,734
Loan loss reserves	5,293	4,018
Postretirement benefits	1,023	1,460
Deferred loan fees	1,093	2,456
ESOP shares released	1,026	852
Compensation accruals	721	1,512
Other	1,206	-
Deferred tax assets	10,756	12,032
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Purchase accounting adjustments	2,841	2,186
Original issue discount	2,082	3,716
FHLB stock dividends	4,827	4,211
Post 1987 tax bad debts	-	532
Unrealized gain on securities available for sale	1,272	755
Loan servicing	1,261	562
Other	516	830
Deferred tax liabilities	12,799	12,792
Valuation Allowance	-	(400)
Net deferred tax (liability) asset	\$(2,043)	\$(1,160)

During 1996, legislation was passed that repealed Section 593 of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1995. Section 593 allowed thrift institutions, including Home Savings, to use the percentage-of-taxable income bad debt accounting method, if more favorable than the specific charge-off method, for federal income tax purposes. The excess reserves (deduction based on the percentage of taxable income less the deduction based on the specific charge-off method) accumulated post-1987 are required to be recaptured ratably over a six-year period beginning in 1996. The recapture has no effect on Home Savings' statement of income as income taxes were provided for in prior years in accordance with SFAS 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes." The timing of this recapture was delayed for two years because Home Savings originated more residential loans in that period than the average originations in the past six years. Beginning in 1998, Home Savings began to recapture the excess reserves in the amount of \$6.1 million resulting in payments totaling \$2.1 million, which have been previously accrued. The pre-1988 reserve provisions are subject only to recapture requirements in the case of certain excess distributions to, and redemptions of, shareholders or if Home Savings no longer qualifies as a "bank." Tax bad debt deductions accumulated prior to 1988 by Home Savings are approximately \$21.1 million. A deferred income tax liability of \$7.3 million has not been provided on these bad debt deductions and no recapture of these amounts is anticipated.

In December 1998, Home Savings made a charitable contribution of 1,183,438 shares of United Community's stock to the Home Savings Charitable Foundation valued at approximately \$11.8 million. Charitable contributions can only be deducted to the extent of 10% of taxable income, subject to certain adjustments, for the period in which the con-

tribution is made. Any excess may be carried forward for a period of five years to be offset against future taxable income. A deferred tax asset in the amount of \$400,000 is recorded at December 31, 2002. Home Savings had previously provided a deferred tax asset valuation allowance of \$400,000 against this amount. This valuation allowance was reversed in 2002 based upon management's projections that the contribution carryforward will be fully utilized in 2003.

13. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Dividends. United Community's source of funds for dividends to its shareholders are earnings on its investments and dividends from Home Savings and Butler Wick. During the year ended December 31, 2002, United Community paid regular dividends in the amount of \$9.6 million. Home Savings' primary regulator, the OTS, has regulations that impose certain restrictions on payments of dividends to United Community.

Home Savings must file an application with, and obtain approval from, the OTS (i) if the proposed distribution would cause total distributions for the calendar year to exceed net income for that year to date plus retained net income (as defined) for the preceding two years; (ii) if Home Savings would not be at least adequately capitalized following the capital distribution; (iii) if the proposed distribution would violate a prohibition contained in any applicable statute, regulation or agreement between Home Savings and the OTS or the FDIC, or any condition imposed on Home Savings in an OTS-approved application or notice. If Home Savings is not required to file an application, it must file a notice of the proposed capital distribution with the OTS.

Other Comprehensive Income. Other comprehensive income included in the Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity consists solely of unrealized gains and losses on available for sale securities. The

change includes reclassification of gains or losses on sales of securities of \$1.3 million, \$217,000 and \$80,000 for the year ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively.

Liquidation Account. At the time of the Conversion, Home Savings established a liquidation account, totaling \$141.4, which was equal to its regulatory capital as of the latest practicable date prior to the Conversion. In the event of a complete liquidation, each eligible depositor will be entitled to receive a distribution from the liquidation account in an amount proportionate to the current adjusted qualifying balances for the accounts then held.

14. REGULATORY CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

Home Savings is subject to various regulatory capital requirements administered by the federal banking agencies. Failure to meet minimum capital requirements can initiate certain mandatory, and possibly additional discretionary actions by regulators that, if undertaken, could have a direct material effect on United Community. The regulations require Home Savings to meet specific capital adequacy guidelines and the regulatory framework for prompt corrective action that involve quantitative measures of Home Savings' assets, liabilities, and certain off-balance-sheet items as calculated under regulatory accounting practices. Home Savings' capital classification is also subject to qualitative judgments by the regulators about components, risk weightings, and other factors.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require Home Savings to maintain minimum amounts and ratios of Core and Tangible capital (as defined in the regulations) to adjusted total assets (as defined) and of total capital (as defined) to risk-weighted assets (as defined).

As of December 31, 2002

	Actual		Minimum Capital Requirements		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
(IN THOUSANDS)						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$163,419	12.61%	\$103,656	8.00%	\$129,569	10.00%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	150,821	11.64	*	*	77,742	6.00
Core (Tier 1) capital (to adjusted total assets)	150,821	8.05	74,954	4.00	93,693	5.00
Tangible capital (to adjusted total assets)	150,821	8.05	28,108	1.50	*	*

As of December 31, 2001

	Actual		Minimum Capital Requirements		To Be Well Capitalized Under Prompt Corrective Action Provisions	
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio
(IN THOUSANDS)						
Total capital (to risk-weighted assets)	\$178,196	14.70%	\$96,961	8.00%	\$121,202	10.00%
Tier 1 capital (to risk-weighted assets)	168,233	13.88	*	*	72,721	6.00
Core (Tier 1) capital (to adjusted total assets)	168,233	9.07	74,228	4.00	92,785	5.00
Tangible capital (to adjusted total assets)	168,233	9.07	27,836	1.50	*	*

*Ratio is not required under regulations.

As of December 31, 2002 and 2001, the OTS categorized Home Savings as well capitalized under the regulatory framework for Prompt Corrective Action. To be categorized as well capitalized, Home Savings must maintain minimum Core, Tier 1 and total capital ratios as set forth in the table above. There are no conditions or events since that notification that have changed Home Savings' category.

Management believes, as of December 31, 2002, that Home Savings meets all capital requirements to which it is subject. Events beyond management's control, such as fluctuations in interest rates or a downturn in the economy in areas in which Home Savings' loans and securities are concentrated, could adversely affect future earnings and, consequently, Home Savings' ability to meet its future capital requirements.

Butler Wick is subject to regulatory capital requirements set forth by the Securities and Exchange Commission's Uniform Net Capital Rule. Butler Wick has elected to use the alternative method, permitted by rule, which requires Butler Wick to maintain minimum net capital, as defined, equal to the greater of \$250,000 or 2% of aggregate debit balances arising from customer transactions, as defined. The Net Capital Rule also provides that equity capital may not be withdrawn or cash dividends paid if resulting net capital would be less than 5% of aggregate debits. At December 31, 2002, Butler Wick had net capital of \$8.1 million, which was 49% of aggregate debit balances and \$7.7 million in excess of required minimum net capital.

15. BENEFIT PLANS

Defined Benefit Pension Plan. Home Savings terminated its pension plan, effective July 31, 1999, subject to applicable regulatory approval. During 1999, Home Savings received approval to terminate the plan

from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation and Home Savings received final approval from the Internal Revenue Service in 2000. Home Savings settled its pension obligations in July 2000 and recorded a termination loss of \$1.0 million.

Other Postretirement Benefit Plans. In addition to Home Savings' retirement plans, Home Savings sponsors a defined benefit health care plan that was curtailed in 2000 to provide postretirement medical benefits for employees who have worked 20 years and attained a minimum age of 60 by September 1, 2000, while in service with Home Savings. The plan is contributory and contains minor cost-sharing features such as deductibles and coinsurance. In addition, postretirement life insurance coverage is provided for employees who were participants prior to December 10, 1976. The life insurance plan is non-contributory. Home Savings' policy is to pay premiums monthly, with no pre-funding.

The weighted-average annual assumed rate of increase in the per capita cost of coverage benefits (i.e., health care cost trend rate) used in the 2002 valuation was 26 percent and was assumed to decrease to 5.5 percent for the year 2007 and remain at that level thereafter. The health care cost trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported. A one-percentage point change in assumed health care cost trend rates would have the following effects:

	1 Percentage Point Increase	1 Percentage Point Decrease
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Effect on total of service and interest cost components	\$ 25	\$ 25
Effect on the postretirement benefit obligation	\$372	\$354

Year Ended December 31,

	2002	2001
	Postretirement Plan	Postretirement Plan
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Change in Benefit Obligation:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 2,861	\$ 2,442
Service cost	19	13
Interest cost	256	194
Actuarial loss/(gain)	787	400
Benefit paid	(237)	(188)
Benefit obligation at end of the year	\$ 3,686	\$ 2,861
Funded status of the plan	\$(3,686)	\$(2,861)
Unrecognized net (gain) from past experience different from that assumed and effects of changes in assumptions	(337)	(1,123)
Prior service cost not yet recognized in net periodic benefit cost	(7)	(8)
(Accrued) pension cost	\$(4,030)	\$(3,992)

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000	
	Post retirement Plan	Post retirement Plan	Defined Benefit Plan	Post retirement Plan
(IN THOUSANDS)				
Service cost	\$ 19	\$ 13	\$ -	\$ 151
Interest cost	256	194	218	299
Expected return on plan assets	-	-	(307)	-
Net amortization of prior service cost	(1)	(1)	-	(18)
Recognized net actuarial gain	-	(1,167)	-	(488)
Loss on termination	-	-	1,097	-
Net periodic benefit cost (gain)	274	(961)	1,008	(56)
Curtailment	-	-	-	(2,928)
Net periodic benefit cost (gain) after curtailment	\$274	\$ (961)	\$ 1,008	\$ (2,984)

Assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000	
	Post retirement Plan	Post retirement Plan	Defined Benefit Plan	Post retirement Plan
(IN THOUSANDS)				
Weighted average discount rate	6.75%	7.25%	6.50%	7.75%
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	N/A	N/A	5.50	N/A

401(k) Savings Plan. Home Savings sponsors a defined contribution 401(k) savings plan, which covers substantially all employees. Under the provisions of the plan, Home Savings' matching contribution is discretionary and may be changed from year to year. For 2002, 2001 and 2000, Home Savings' match was 50% of pre-tax contributions, up to a maximum of 6% of the employees' base pay. Participants become 100% vested in Home Savings contributions upon completion of three years of service. For the years ended 2002, 2001 and 2000, the expense related to this plan was approximately \$396,000, \$308,000 and \$230,000.

Butler Wick also sponsors a defined contribution 401(k) savings plan, which covers substantially all employees who have completed one year of service. Under the provisions of the plan, Butler Wick's matching contribution is discretionary and may be changed from year to year. For 2002, 2001 and 2000, Butler Wick's match was 25% of pre-tax contributions, up to a maximum of 6% of the employees' base pay. Participants become 100% vested in Butler Wick contributions upon completion of six years of service. For the years ended 2002, 2001 and 2000, the expense related to this plan was approximately \$132,000, \$126,000 and \$120,000.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan. In conjunction with the Conversion, United Community established an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) for the benefit of the employees of United Community and Home Savings. All full-time employees who meet certain age and years of service criteria are eligible to participate in the ESOP. An ESOP is a tax-qual-

ified retirement plan designed to invest primarily in the stock of United Community. The ESOP borrowed \$26.8 million from United Community to purchase 2,677,250 shares in conjunction with the conversion. The term of the loan is 15 years and is being repaid primarily with contributions from Home Savings to the ESOP.

The loan is collateralized by the shares of common stock held by the ESOP. As the note is repaid, shares are released from collateral based on the proportion of the payment in relation to total payments required to be made on the loan. The shares released from collateral are then allocated to participants on the basis of compensation as described in the plan. Compensation expense is determined by multiplying the average per share market price of United Community's stock during the period by the number of shares to be released. United Community recognized approximately \$2.4 million, \$2.1 million and \$2.0 million in compensation expense for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000, respectively, related to the ESOP. Unallocated shares are considered neither outstanding shares for computation of basic earnings per share nor potentially dilutive securities for computation of diluted earnings per share. Dividends on unallocated ESOP shares are reflected as a reduction in the loan (and Home Savings' contribution is reduced accordingly). Shares released or committed to be released for allocation during the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 totaled 294,802, 294,802 and 300,679 and had a combined fair market value of \$7.7 million. Shares remaining not released or committed to be released for allocation at December 31, 2002 totaled 3.0 million and had a market value of approximately \$26.0 million.

Recognition and Retention Plan. On July 12, 1999, shareholders approved the United Community Financial Corp. Recognition and Retention Plan (RRP). The purpose of the plan is to reward and retain directors, officers and employees of United Community and Home Savings who are in key positions of responsibility by providing them with an ownership interest in United Community. Under the RRP, recipients are entitled to receive dividends and have voting rights on their respective shares, but are restricted from selling or transferring the shares prior to vesting.

In August 1999, United Community awarded 1,342,334 common shares to eligible individuals. Approximately one-fifth of the number of shares awarded, or 268,638 shares, vested on the date of grant. The remaining 1,073,696 shares vest ratably on each of the first four anniversary dates of the plan. In August 2000, United Community awarded 46,291 common shares to eligible individuals. Approximately two-fifths of the number of shares awarded, or 18,517 shares, vested on the date of grant. The remaining 27,774 shares vest ratably on each of the first three anniversary dates of the plan. In August 2002, United Community awarded 69,677 common shares to eligible individuals. Approximately one-half of the shares awarded, or 34,839 shares, vested on the date of grant. The remaining 34,838 shares vest on the first anniversary date. Shares available for future grants at December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 were 1,188 shares, 50,371 shares and 3,960 shares.

The aggregate fair market value of the unvested RRP shares is considered unearned compensation at the time of grant and is amortized over the vesting period. Compensation expense recognized in 2002, 2001 and 2000 related to the RRP was \$1.9 million, \$1.6 million and \$2.0 million.

Retention Plan. In connection with the Butler Wick acquisition, United Community established and funded a \$3.7 million retention plan into a Rabbi Trust. Participants in the retention plan become vested in their benefits after five years of service, subject to acceleration in the event of a change in control of United Community or Butler Wick. If a participant voluntarily leaves the employ of Butler Wick or a subsidiary, or is fired for cause, before the expiration of the five-year vesting period, the participant will forfeit all funds in the plan. If a participant dies, becomes disabled or retires at or after age 65 and prior to the expiration of the five-year vesting period, the participant, or the participant's estate, will be entitled to receive the funds allocated to him or her under the plan, increased for any earnings or reduced for any loss on such funds, at the end of the five-year vesting period. Retention plan expense, including fair value adjustments related to the assets in Rabbi Trust, was \$126,000, \$(73,000) and \$1.0 million for 2002, 2001 and 2000.

Long-Term Incentive Plan. On July 12, 1999, shareholders approved the United Community Financial Corp. Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incentive Plan). The purpose of the Incentive Plan is to promote and advance the interests of United Community and its shareholders by enabling United Community to attract, retain and reward directors, directors emeritus, managerial and other key employees of United Community, including Home Savings and Butler Wick, by facilitating their purchase of an ownership interest in United Community.

The Incentive Plan provides for the grant of options, which may qualify as either incentive or nonqualified stock options. The incentive plan provides that option prices will not be less than the fair market value of the stock at the grant date. The maximum number of common shares that may be issued under the plan is 3,471,562. All of the options awarded became exercisable on the date of grant. The option period expires 10 years from the date of grant. A summary of activity in the plan is as follows:

As of December 31,	2002		2001		2000	
	Shares	Weighted average exercise price	Shares	Weighted average exercise price	Shares	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at						
beginning of year	1,307,496	\$6.79	629,085	\$6.97	-	\$-
Granted	715,710	7.40	771,390	6.66	638,483	6.97
Exercised	75,538	6.84	1,126	6.66	-	-
Forfeited	38,053	6.93	91,853	6.95	9,398	6.97
Outstanding at						
end of year	1,909,615	7.01	1,307,496	6.79	629,085	6.97
Options exercisable						
at year end	1,909,615	\$7.01	1,307,496	\$6.79	629,085	\$6.97
Weighted-average						
fair value of options						
granted during year		\$2.44		\$1.83		\$2.44

16. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The estimated fair values of financial instruments have been determined by United Community using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented herein are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that United Community could realize in a current market exchange. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts.

Cash and cash equivalents, margin accounts, accrued interest receivable and payable and advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance. The carrying amounts as reported in the Statements of Financial Condition are a reasonable estimate of fair value due to their short-term nature.

Investment Securities. Fair values are based on quoted market prices, dealer quotes and prices obtained from independent pricing services.

Loans. The fair value is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the current market rates for loans of similar maturities with adjustments for market and credit risks.

Loans held for sale. The fair value of loans held for sale is based on market quotes.

Federal Home Loan Bank stock. The fair value is estimated to be the carrying value, which is par. All transactions in the capital stock of the Federal Home Loan Bank are executed at par.

Deposits. The fair value of demand deposits, savings accounts and money market deposit accounts is the amount payable on demand at the

reporting date. The fair value of fixed-maturity certificates of deposit is estimated using rates currently offered for deposits of similar remaining maturities.

Other borrowed funds. The fair value of borrowings is the amount payable on demand at the reporting date.

Off balance sheet commitments. The fair value of commitments is not materially different from the nominal value.

Limitations. Fair value estimates are made at a specific point in time, based on relevant market information and information about the financial instrument. These estimates do not reflect any premium or discount that could result from offering for sale at one time United Community's entire holdings of a particular financial instrument. Because no market exists for a significant portion of United Community's financial instruments, fair value estimates are based on judgments regarding future expected loss experience, current economic conditions, risk characteristics of various financial instruments and other factors. These estimates are subjective in nature and involve uncertainties and matters of signif-

icant judgment and therefore cannot be determined with precision. Changes in assumptions could significantly affect the estimates.

Fair value estimates are based on existing on and off balance sheet financial instruments without attempting to estimate the value of anticipated future business and the value of assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments. For example, a significant asset not considered a financial asset is premises and equipment. In addition, tax ramifications related to the realization of the unrealized gains and losses can have a significant effect on fair value estimates and have not been considered in any of the estimates.

The fair value estimates presented herein are based on pertinent information available to management as of December 31, 2002 and 2001. Although management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively revalued for purposes of these financial statements since that date and, therefore, current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented herein.

	December 31, 2002		December 31, 2001	
	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
(IN THOUSANDS)				
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$110,936	\$110,936	\$205,883	\$205,883
Securities:				
Trading	5,060	5,060	8,352	8,352
Available for sale	237,268	237,268	118,150	118,150
Held to maturity	-	-	80,496	82,339
Loans held for sale	45,825	46,828	20,192	20,425
Loans	1,478,213	1,510,558	1,406,479	1,422,685
Margin accounts	14,809	14,809	20,979	20,979
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	21,069	21,069	18,760	18,760
Accrued interest receivable	20,002	20,002	17,481	17,481
Liabilities:				
Deposits:				
Checking, savings and money market accounts	(663,558)	(663,558)	(551,475)	(551,475)
Certificates of deposit	(818,343)	(835,753)	(831,943)	(835,375)
Other borrowed funds	(210,024)	(220,029)	(271,631)	(275,161)
Advance payments by borrowers for taxes and insurance	(5,996)	(5,996)	(5,760)	(5,760)
Accrued interest payable	(1,126)	(1,126)	(2,983)	(2,983)

17. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information are summarized below:

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:			
Cash paid during the year for:			
Interest on deposits and borrowings	\$56,093	\$ 62,963	\$45,334
Income taxes	11,878	7,471	5,941
Supplemental schedule of noncash activities:			
Loans transferred to held for sale	8,418	120,981	-
Transfers from loans to real estate owned	2,025	851	493
Securities held to maturity transferred to available for sale	54,927	-	-

18. PARENT COMPANY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Condensed Statement of Financial Condition

December 31,	2002	2001
(IN THOUSANDS)		
Assets		
Cash and deposits with banks	\$ 447	\$ 343
Federal funds sold and other	44,883	21,555
Total cash and cash equivalents	45,130	21,898
Securities:		
Trading	3,155	3,769
Available for sale	3,375	2,795
Note receivable	21,506	22,831
Accrued interest receivable	11	2
Investment in subsidiary-Home Savings	191,845	195,452
Investment in subsidiary-Butler Wick	13,960	13,303
Other assets	-	4,176
Total assets	\$278,982	\$264,226
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	4,413	2,346
Total liabilities	4,413	2,346
Total shareholders' equity	274,569	261,880
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$278,982	\$264,226

Condensed Statement of Income

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Income			
Cash dividends from subsidiary	\$30,000	\$ -	\$158,000
Interest income	2,191	3,752	5,806
Noninterest income	(574)	(862)	227
Total income	31,617	2,890	164,033
Expenses			
Interest expense	-	385	1,152
Noninterest expenses	988	986	1,078
Total expenses	988	1,371	2,230
Income before income taxes	30,629	1,519	161,803
Income taxes	238	602	1,069
Income before equity in undistributed net earnings of subsidiary	30,391	917	160,734
Equity in undistributed net earnings of subsidiary	(9,574)	14,762	(149,120)
Net income	\$20,817	\$15,679	\$ 11,614

Condensed Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31,	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS)			
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net Income	\$ 20,817	\$ 15,679	\$ 11,614
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Equity in undistributed earnings of the subsidiaries	9,574	(14,762)	149,120
Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts	15	(1)	(22)
Net (gains) losses	(76)	(1)	19
Decrease (increase) in interest receivable	(10)	370	719
Decrease (increase) in other assets	4,333	(4,294)	(54)
Decrease in accrued interest payable	-	-	(1,642)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	1,774	(789)	(254)
Decrease (increase) in trading securities	614	803	(241)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	37,041	(2,995)	159,259
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds from principal repayments and maturities of:			
Securities available for sale	3,708	37,665	25,000
Proceeds from sale of:			
Securities available for sale	162	350	473
Purchases of:			
Securities available for sale	(4,357)	(356)	(924)
ESOP loan repayment	335	146	(37)
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(152)	37,805	24,512
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Dividends paid	(9,636)	(9,790)	(10,141)
Net decrease in borrowed funds	-	(12,000)	(173,000)
Purchase of treasury stock	(4,386)	(11,038)	(3,322)
Exercise of stock options	365	8	-
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(13,657)	(32,820)	(186,463)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	23,232	1,990	(2,692)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	21,898	19,908	22,600
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 45,130	\$ 21,898	\$ 19,908

19. SEGMENT INFORMATION

SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" establishes standards for the manner in which public enterprises report information about operating segments in financial statements. United Community has two principal segments, retail banking and investment advisory services. Retail banking provides consumer

and business banking services. Investment advisory services provide investment brokerage services and a network of integrated financial services. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in Note 1. Condensed statements of income and selected financial information by operating segment for the years ended December 31, 2002, 2001 and 2000 are as follows:

	Retail Banking	Investment Advisory Services	Eliminations	Total
(IN THOUSANDS)				
2002				
Results of Operations				
Total interest income	\$ 127,423	\$ 1,073	\$ (1,803)	\$ 126,693
Total interest expense	55,821	218	(1,803)	54,236
Net interest income after provision for loan loss	68,024	855	-	68,879
Noninterest income	11,709	19,364	-	31,073
Noninterest expense	48,878	19,481	-	68,359
Income before tax	30,855	738	-	31,593
Income tax	10,515	261	-	10,776
Net income	\$ 20,340	\$ 477	\$ -	\$ 20,817
Selected Financial Information				
Total assets	\$2,191,205	\$26,748	\$ (227,822)	\$1,990,131
Capital expenditures	3,656	246	-	3,902
Depreciation and amortization	2,403	545	-	2,948
2001				
Results of Operations				
Total interest income	\$ 114,295	\$ 1,982	\$ (2,288)	\$ 113,989
Total interest expense	58,516	819	(2,288)	57,047
Net interest income after provision for loan loss	53,284	1,163	-	54,447
Noninterest income	8,659	19,790	-	28,449
Noninterest expense	37,434	20,274	-	57,708
Income before tax	24,509	679	-	25,188
Income tax	9,263	246	-	9,509
Net income	\$ 15,246	\$ 433	\$ -	\$ 15,679
Selected Financial Information				
Total assets	\$2,145,275	\$35,977	\$ (236,472)	\$1,944,780
Capital expenditures	2,407	362	-	2,769
Depreciation and amortization	1,675	548	-	2,223
2000				
Results of Operations				
Total interest income	\$ 90,844	\$ 3,804	\$ (3,026)	\$ 91,622
Total interest expense	45,001	2,129	(3,026)	44,104
Net interest income after provision for loan loss	45,543	1,675	-	47,218
Noninterest income	2,590	22,164	-	24,754
Noninterest expense	31,721	22,586	-	54,307
Income before tax	16,412	1,253	-	17,665
Income tax	5,599	452	-	6,051
Net income	\$ 10,813	\$ 801	\$ -	\$ 11,614
Selected Financial Information				
Total assets	\$1,484,541	\$41,027	\$ (225,369)	\$1,300,199
Capital expenditures	3,743	519	-	4,262
Depreciation and amortization	1,098	475	-	1,573

20. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Earnings per share are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares determined for the basic computation plus the dilutive effect of potential common shares that could be issued under outstanding stock options and the RRP. No shares of common stock were anti-dilutive for the periods ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. There were 621,922 shares of common stock that were not considered for the diluted earnings per share calculation for the period ended December 31, 2000, as they were anti-dilutive.

	2002	2001	2000
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)			
Basic Earnings Per Share:			
Net income applicable to common stock	\$20,817	\$15,679	\$11,614
Weighted average common shares outstanding	31,767	32,176	33,186
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.35
Diluted Earnings Per Share:			
Net income applicable to common stock	\$20,817	\$15,679	\$11,614
Weighted average common shares outstanding	31,859	32,176	33,186
Dilutive effect of restricted stock	130	154	130
Dilutive effect of stock options	336	35	-
Weighted average common shares outstanding for dilutive computation	32,325	32,365	33,316
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.35

21. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

Summary of Quarterly Financial Information. The following table presents summarized quarterly data for each of the years indicated.

(Unaudited)	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Total Year
(IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)					
2002:					
Total interest income	\$31,263	\$32,598	\$31,770	\$31,062	\$126,693
Total interest expense	14,893	13,726	13,152	12,465	54,236
Net interest income	16,370	18,872	18,618	18,597	72,457
Provision for loan loss allowances	696	532	750	1,600	3,578
Noninterest income	7,758	8,372	6,274	8,669	31,073
Noninterest expense	16,752	17,365	15,973	18,269	68,359
Income taxes	2,425	3,350	2,964	2,037	10,776
Net income	\$ 4,255	\$ 5,997	\$ 5,205	\$ 5,360	\$ 20,817
Earnings per share:					
Basic	0.13	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.65
Diluted	0.13	0.19	0.16	0.17	0.65
2001:					
Total interest income	\$24,038	\$24,645	\$32,872	\$32,434	\$113,989
Total interest expense	11,681	12,244	16,819	16,303	57,047
Net interest income	12,357	12,401	16,053	16,131	56,942
Provision for loan loss allowances	330	250	465	1,450	2,495
Noninterest income	5,788	6,118	5,236	11,307	28,449
Noninterest expense	12,779	13,552	14,518	16,859	57,708
Income taxes	1,834	1,779	2,341	3,555	9,509
Net income	\$ 3,202	\$ 2,938	\$ 3,965	\$ 5,574	\$ 15,679
Earnings per share:					
Basic	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.18	0.49
Diluted	0.10	0.09	0.12	0.17	0.48

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors

United Community Financial Corp.

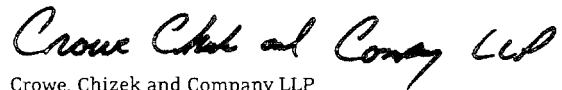
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We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial condition of United Community Financial Corp. as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of United Community's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. The 2000 financial statements were audited by other auditors, whose report dated January 24, 2001 expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also

includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United Community Financial Corp. as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Crowe, Chizek and Company LLP

Cleveland, Ohio

February 7, 2003

SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

United Community Financial Corp.
is traded on The Nasdaq Stock Market
under the ticker symbol UCFC.

Annual Report on Form 10-K

A copy of the Annual Report on Form 10-K
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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders
of United Community Financial Corp.
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April 24, 2003 at:

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Youngstown, Ohio 44512

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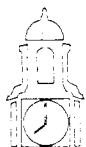
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